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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 03/02/17 AND ENDING 12/31/17  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

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NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

**303 SECURITIES, LLC**

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

**401 West Superior Street Suite 101**  
(No. and Street)

**Chicago**  
(City)

**Illinois**  
(State)

**60654**  
(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

**James Urbanowski**

**(312) 605-8011**  
(Area Code - Telephone No)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

**Ryan & Juraska, Certified Public Accountants**  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

**141 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 2250**  
(Address)

**Chicago**  
(City)

**Illinois**  
(State)

**60604**  
(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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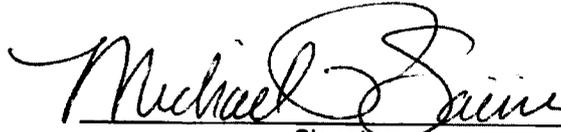
\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, **Michael Savini**, swear (or affirm), to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of **303 Securities, LLC** as of **December 31, 2017** are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the Company nor any member, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

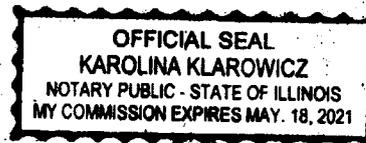
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None  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Managing Principal  
Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2018



  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes)

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital for Brokers and Dealers pursuant to Rule 15c3-1.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements for Brokers and Dealers Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- (n) A copy of the Exemption Report.
- (o) Schedule of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation – Customers' Regulated Commodity Futures Accounts Pursuant to CFTC Rule 1.11(d)(iv).

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see Section 240.17a-5(e)(3).



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Certified Public Accountants

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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Member of  
303 Securities, LLC

### **Opinion on the Financial Statement**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of 303 Securities, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2017, and the related notes and supplemental schedules (collectively referred to as the financial statement). In our opinion, the financial statement present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of 303 Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2017, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

This financial statement is the responsibility of 303 Securities, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statement based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to 303 Securities, LLC in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB. We have served as 303 Securities, LLC's auditor since 2017.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **Supplemental Information**

The supplemental schedules contained in Schedules 1 and 2 (the "supplemental information") has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of 303 Securities, LLC's financial statement. The supplemental information is the responsibility of 303 Securities, LLC's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statement or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplemental information contained in Schedules 1 and 2 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

*Ryan & Juraska LLP*

Chicago, Illinois  
March 1, 2018

**303 SECURITIES, LLC**

**Statement of Financial Condition**

**December 31, 2017**

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**Assets**

Cash	\$	114,549
Securities purchased under agreements to resell, at fair value		108,044,792
US government securities owned, at fair value		127,601,228
Receivable from broker-dealer		64,403,506
Exchange membership, at cost (fair value \$91,000)		66,500
Other assets		<u>770</u>
	\$	<u><u>300,231,345</u></u>

**Liabilities and Member's Equity**

**Liabilities:**

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase, at fair value	\$	162,972,440
US government securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value		136,276,288
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		<u>68,520</u>
		299,317,248

**Member's equity**

		<u>914,097</u>
	\$	<u><u>300,231,345</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

## 303 SECURITIES, LLC

### Notes to Financial Statement

December 31, 2017

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#### 1. Organization and Business

303 Securities, LLC (the "Company"), a Delaware limited liability company, was formed on March 2, 2017 and commenced operations as broker-dealer on April 28, 2017. The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and is a member of NYSE Arca. The Company conducts business primarily in the trading of government securities and commodity futures. The Company is wholly owned by 303 Proprietary Trading, LLC.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### Financial Instruments Valuation

In accordance with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"), fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Company uses various valuation approaches. A fair value hierarchy for inputs is used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumption about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

**Level 1 Inputs** – Valuation is based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the reporting date.

**Level 2 Inputs** – Valuation is based on other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

**Level 3 Inputs** – Valuation is based on unobservable inputs for the valuation of the asset or liability. Level 3 assets include investments for which there is little, if any, market activity. These inputs require significant management judgment or estimation.

The availability of valuation techniques and observable inputs can vary from investment to investment and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, the type of investment, whether the investment is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Those estimated values do not necessarily represent the amounts that may be ultimately realized due to the occurrence of future circumstances that cannot be reasonably determined. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may be materially higher or lower than the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for investments categorized in Level 3. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

## 303 SECURITIES, LLC

### Notes to Financial Statement

December 31, 2017

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#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

The Company values its investments based on the following principles and method of valuation:

U.S. government Securities are valued using quoted market prices. Valuation adjustments are not applied. Accordingly, U.S. government securities are generally categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Securities sold short, not yet purchased represent obligations to purchase such securities at a future date. The value of the open short position is recorded as a liability, and the Company records an unrealized appreciation or depreciation to the extent of the difference between the proceeds received and the value of the open short position. The Company records a realized gain or loss when the short position is closed out. By entering into short sales, the Company bears the market risk of increases in value of the security sold short in excess of the proceeds received.

Exchange-traded derivatives, such as futures contracts is typically classified within Level 1 or Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy depending on whether or not they are deemed to be actively traded.

Reverse repurchase agreements and repurchase agreements are computed using standard cash flow discounting methodology. The inputs to the valuation include contractual cash flows and collateral funding spreads, which are estimated using various benchmarks, interest rate yield curves, and option volatilities. In instances where the unobservable inputs are deemed significant, reverse repurchase agreements and repurchase agreements are categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy; otherwise, they are categorized in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

At December 31, 2017, the Company had net unrealized gains on open futures contracts totaling \$42,953, which were Level 1 investments. This amount is reflected in receivable from broker-dealer in the statement of financial condition. Gains and losses from investment in securities and derivative instruments are included in trading gains in the statement of operations.

The following table presents the Company's fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value as of December 31, 2017:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
Securities owned				
Securities purchased				
under agreements to resell	\$	\$ 108,044,792	\$ -	\$ 108,044,792
U.S. government securities	127,601,228	-	-	127,601,228
	<u>\$ 127,601,228</u>	<u>\$ 108,044,792</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 235,646,020</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Securities sold, not yet purchased				
Securities sold under				
agreements to repurchase	\$	\$ 162,972,440	\$ -	\$ 162,972,440
U.S. government securities	136,276,288	-	-	136,276,288
	<u>\$ 136,276,288</u>	<u>\$ 162,972,440</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 299,248,728</u>

## 303 SECURITIES, LLC

### Notes to Financial Statement

December 31, 2017

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

At December 31, 2017, the Company held no Level 3 investments.

### Financial Instruments and Off Balance-Sheet Risk

ASC 815, Derivatives and Hedging, requires qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts of gains and losses on derivative instruments, and disclosures about credit risk related contingent features in derivative agreements. The disclosure requirements of ASC 815 distinguish between derivatives, which are accounted for as "hedges", and those that do not qualify for such accounting. Although the Company may sometimes use derivatives, the Company reflects derivatives at fair value and recognizes changes in fair value through the statement of operations, and as such do not qualify for ASC 815 hedge accounting treatment.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into transactions in derivative financial instruments. All derivative instruments are held for trading purposes. All positions are reported in the accompanying statement of financial condition at fair value and gains and losses from derivative financial instruments are reflected in trading gains in the statement of operations.

Futures contracts provide for the delayed delivery/receipt of securities or money market instruments with the seller/buyer agreeing to make/take delivery at a specified date, at a specified price. Fair value of futures contracts is included in receivables from broker-dealers. The contractual or notional amounts related to these financial instruments reflect the volume and activity and do not reflect the amounts at risk. Futures contracts are executed on an exchange, and cash settlement is made on a daily basis for market movements. Accordingly, futures contracts generally do not have credit risk. At December 31, 2017, there are open futures contracts totaling a net fair value of \$42,953.

Securities sold, not yet purchased and short options represent obligations of the Company to deliver the specified security and, thereby, create a liability to repurchase the security in the market at prevailing prices. Accordingly, these transactions result in risk as the Company's satisfaction of the obligations may exceed the amount recognized in the statement of financial condition.

Risk arises from the potential inability of counterparties to perform under the terms of the contracts (credit risk) and from changes in the values of the underlying financial instruments (market risk). The Company is subject to credit risk to the extent that any broker with whom it conducts business is unable to fulfill contractual obligations on its behalf. The Company attempts to minimize its exposure to credit risk by monitoring brokers with whom it conducts investment activities. In management's opinion, market risk is substantially diminished when all financial instruments are aggregated.

### Revenue Recognition

Securities transactions and financial futures contracts are recorded on a trade date basis. Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, are recorded in the statement of financial condition at fair value in accordance with ASC 820 "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures," with related unrealized gains or losses recorded in the statement of operations. Commission charges for financial futures contracts are expensed at the time the contracts are opened.

## 303 SECURITIES, LLC

### Notes to Financial Statement

December 31, 2017

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statement in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statement and the accompanying notes. Management determines that the estimates utilized in preparing its financial statement are reasonable and prudent. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

### Collateralized Short-Term Financing Transactions

Securities purchased or sold under agreements to resell or repurchase are collateralized principally by U.S. government securities. If the market value of the securities declines below the principal amount loaned plus accrued interest, additional collateral is requested and obtained at the time when deemed appropriate.

### Exchange Membership

The Company's exchange memberships are reflected in the statement of financial condition at cost. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require that such memberships be recorded at cost, or, if a permanent impairment in value has occurred, at a value that reflects management's estimate of the fair value. In the opinion of management, no permanent impairment has occurred during the year.

### Income Taxes

No provision for Federal income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statement, as the sole member is responsible for reporting income or loss based on their pro rata share of the profits or losses of the Company.

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Company is required to determine whether its tax positions are more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, based on the technical merits of the position. Generally, the Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations by major taxing authorities for the years before 2017. The tax benefit recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement with the relevant taxing authorities. Based on its analysis, the Company has determined that it has not incurred any liability for unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2017.

## 3. Guarantees

Accounting Standards Codification Topic 460 ("ASC 460"), Guarantees, requires the Company to disclose information about its obligations under certain guarantee arrangements. ASC 460 defines guarantees as contracts and indemnification agreements that contingently require a guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on changes in an underlying (such as an interest or foreign exchange rate, security or commodity price, an index or the occurrence or nonoccurrence of a specified event) related to an asset, liability or equity security of a guaranteed party. This guidance also defines guarantees as contracts that contingently require the guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on another entity's failure to perform under an agreement, as well as indirect guarantees of the indebtedness of others.

Certain derivatives contracts that the Company has entered into meet the accounting definition of a guarantee under ASC 460. Derivatives that meet the ASC 460 definition of guarantees include futures contracts and written options. The maximum potential payout for these derivatives contracts cannot be estimated as increases in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, securities prices, commodities prices and indices in the future could possibly be unlimited.

## **303 SECURITIES, LLC**

### **Notes to Financial Statement**

**December 31, 2017**

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#### **3. Guarantees, continued**

The Company records all derivative contracts at fair value. For this reason, the Company does not monitor its risk exposure to derivatives contracts based on derivative notional amounts; rather the Company manages its risk exposure on a fair value basis. The Company believes that the notional amounts of the derivative contracts generally overstate its exposure. Aggregate market risk limits have been established, and market risk measures are routinely monitored against these limits. The Company believes that market risk is substantially diminished when all financial instruments are aggregated.

#### **4. Clearing Agreements**

The Company has entered into brokerage agreements with its clearing brokers to provide execution and clearing services for the Company in accordance with orders placed by the Company's traders.

#### **5. Credit Concentration**

At December 31, 2017, a significant credit concentration consisted of approximately \$801,000, representing the fair value of the Company's trading accounts carried by its clearing broker. Management does not consider any credit risk associated with this receivable to be significant.

#### **6. Related Party Transaction**

The Company entered into an expense sharing agreement with ARB Trading Group, LLC, an affiliate on October 1, 2017. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company had \$41,500 in salaries and overhead expenses.

#### **7. Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15(c)3-1) and has elected to use the basic method as permitted by this rule. Under this rule, the Company is required to maintain "net capital" equal to the greater of \$250,000 or 6 and 2/3 % of "aggregate indebtedness", as defined.

At December 31, 2017, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$229,126 and \$250,000, respectively. The Company's miscalculated their haircut computation and once corrected it became undercapitalized by \$20,874.

#### **8. Subsequent Events**

The Company's management has evaluated events and transactions through March 1, 2018, the date the financial statement were issued, noting no material events requiring disclosure in the Company's financial statement.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

## Computation of Net Capital for Broker and Dealers pursuant to Rule 15c3-1

December 31, 2017

**Computation of net capital**

Total member's equity		\$	914,097
Deductions and /or charges:			
Nonallowable assets:			
Exchange membership, at cost	\$	66,500	
Other assets		<u>770</u>	<u>(67,270)</u>
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions			846,827
Haircuts on securities:			
Other	\$	<u>617,701</u>	<u>(617,701)</u>
Net capital			\$ <u><u>229,126</u></u>

**Computation of basic capital requirement**

Minimum net capital required (greater of \$250,000 or 6 ⅔% of aggregate indebtedness)			<u>250,000</u>
Net capital in excess of net capital requirement	\$		<u><u>(20,874)</u></u>

**Computation of aggregate indebtedness**

Aggregate indebtedness	\$	<u>68,520</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	%	<u><u>29.90</u></u>

There are no material differences between the above computation and the Company's corresponding unaudited amended Form FOCUS Part II filing as of December 31, 2017.

See accompanying notes.

**303 SECURITIES, LLC**

**SCHEDULE 2**

**Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3**

**December 31, 2017**

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The Company did not handle any customer cash or securities during the year ended December 31, 2017 and does not have any customer accounts.

**303 SECURITIES, LLC**

**Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements pursuant to Rule 15c3-3**

**December 31, 2017**

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The Company did not handle any customer cash or securities during the year ended December 31, 2017 and does not have any customer accounts.



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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Member's of  
303 Securities, LLC

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report (the "Exemption Report"), in which (1) 303 Securities, LLC (the Company) identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3 (k) under which the Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3(2)(i) (the "exemption provisions"); and (2) the Company stated that it met the identified exemption provisions throughout the year ended December 31, 2017 without exception. The Company's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about the Company's compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(i) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan &amp; Juraska".

Chicago, Illinois  
March 1, 2018

**303 SECURITIES, LLC**

**The Exemption Report**

**December 31, 2017**

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The Company has elected an exemption under SEC Rule 15c3-3(K)(2)(i) for the year ended December 31, 2017. The Company was in compliance with the exemptive provision throughout the year ended December 31, 2017 without exception.

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Michael Savini  
Managing Principal

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**303 Alternatives: Account Activity Transaction Details**

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**Post date:** 02/28/2018

**Amount:** -59.00

**Type:** Transfer

**Description:** TRANSFER 303 ALTERNATIVES LLC:Securities  
Investor Confirmation# 1484946527

**Merchant name:** 303 ALTERNATIVES LLC:SECURITIES  
INVESTOR

**Transaction category:** Uncategorized: Pending