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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 04/01/2017 AND ENDING 03/31/2018  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: ABG, LLC

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

725 5th Avenue, 23rd Floor

(No. and Street)

New York

NY

10022

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Jay Gellerberg

(212) 668-8700

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

One Penn Plaza, Suite 3000

New York

NY

10119

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(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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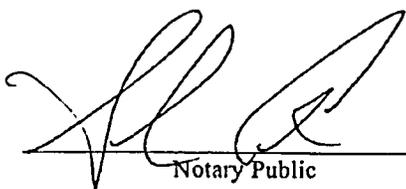
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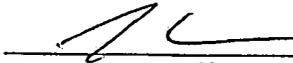
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Jackson Eisenpresser, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of ABG, LLC of March 31, 2018, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, 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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\_\_\_\_\_

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
Managing Director ZCCO  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

SHARI COHEN  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK  
Registration No. 01CO8192681  
Qualified in New York County  
Commission Expires September 2, 2020

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

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements 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 report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

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

**ABG, LLC**

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**Report on Audit of Financial Statement**

**As of and for the Year ended March 31, 2018**

**ABG, LLC**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of ABG, LLC:

**Opinion on the Financial Statement**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of ABG, LLC (the "Company") as of March 31, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "statement of financial condition"). In our opinion, the statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of March 31, 2018, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for Opinion**

The statement of financial condition is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's statement of financial condition 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 the Company 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 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 statement of financial condition 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 statement of financial condition, 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 statement of financial condition. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the statement of financial condition. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

*Baker Tilly Vorchow Krause, LLP*

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2017.

New York, New York  
May 25, 2018

**ABG, LLC**

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Statement of Financial Condition  
March 31, 2018

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 218,743
Accounts receivable	187,040
Prepaid expenses	<u>33,195</u>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$ 438,978**

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES:**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 61,294
Due to Parent	<u>19,360</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **80,654**

**MEMBER'S EQUITY** **358,324**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY** **\$ 438,978**

## ABG, LLC

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### Notes to Financial Statement For the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2018

#### 1. Organization and Nature of Business

ABG, LLC (Company), was formed in the state of Kansas on January 22, 2013. The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and is a member of both the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC).

In January 2017, all of the outstanding equity of the Company was acquired by JCAE Holdings, LLC (the "Parent") from Firerush Ventures No. 3 LP (the "Transaction"). The Company opted not to utilize push down accounting upon the change in control. As of March 31, 2018, \$19,360 was payable to the Parent.

The Company operates from its principal office location in New York City.

The Company's primary business activity is the provision of consultancy services and investment banking for the arranging of (bringing about) deals in investments and making arrangements with a view to transactions in investments.

Since the Company is a limited liability company, the Member is not liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, unless the Member has signed a specific guarantee.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Revenue is recognized when earned, while expenses and losses are recognized when incurred.

##### b) Cash

Cash and cash equivalents consist of funds maintained in checking and money market accounts held at financial institutions. The Company's cash is held at two financial institutions and at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has placed these funds in high quality institutions in order to minimize risk relating to exceeding insured limits. The Company has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than 90 days, which are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

##### c) Revenue Recognition

Investment banking fees, which represent fees for the placement of private securities, are paid upon the closing of a transaction, and are consequently, recorded when earned.

##### d) Income Taxes

The Company is treated as a disregarded entity for tax purposes and has no federal and state tax liabilities. Any liability on profits is reported on the tax return of the Parent entity and passed along to the individual member. The tax years since inception remain open to examination by the major taxing jurisdictions to which the Company is subject.

No provision for federal and state income taxes has been made for the Company as it is a single-member limited liability company that is disregarded for tax purposes. The Company's income or loss is reported by its sole member and is included in the tax returns for the Parent company. The Parent is only subject to the New York City Unincorporated Business Tax (UBT), which is a 4% tax on taxable income. The Company records its proportionate share of the income tax expense incurred by its Parent and treats this as an amount due to the Parent. For the year ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded \$23,271 in income tax related expense for NYC UBT. Of the \$23,271, \$17,671 is included in amount Due to Parent as of March 31, 2018.

The Company has adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Topic 740, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes ("Uncertain Tax Positions"). This accounting guidance prescribes recognition thresholds that must be met before a tax position is recognized in the financial statements and provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. Under Uncertain Tax Positions, an entity may only recognize or continue to recognize tax positions that meet a "more likely than not" threshold. The Company has evaluated its tax position for the year ended March 31, 2018, and does not expect any material adjustments to be made.

##### e) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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ABG, LLC

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Notes to Financial Statement  
For the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2018

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**f) Accounts Receivable**

The Company's accounts receivable represents amounts due for investment banking fees. Accounts receivable are carried at net realizable value. Accounts receivable are presented on the balance sheet net of estimated uncollectible amounts. The Company records an allowance for estimated uncollectible accounts in an amount approximating anticipated losses. Individual uncollectible accounts are written off against the allowance when collection of the individual accounts appears doubtful. Management has determined that no allowance is necessary at March 31, 2018.

**g) Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)." ASU No. 2014-09 establishes principles for recognizing revenue upon the transfer of promised goods or services to customers, in an amount that reflects the expected consideration received in exchange for those goods or services. During 2015 and 2016, the FASB also issued ASU No. 2015-14, which defers the effective date of ASU No. 2014-09; ASU No. 2016-08, "Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net)", which clarifies the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations in Topic 606; ASU No. 2016-10, "Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing", which clarifies the identification of performance obligations and the licensing implementation guidance; ASU No. 2016-12, "Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients" and ASU No. 2016-20, "Technical Corrections and Improvements to Topic 606. Topic 606 (as amended) is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company may elect to apply the guidance earlier, but no earlier than fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. The amendments may be applied retrospectively to each prior period presented or retrospectively with the cumulative effect recognized as of the date of initial application. The Company is currently assessing the effect that Topic 606 (as amended) will have on its results of operations, financial position and cash flows.

**3. Lease Commitments**

The Parent is currently leasing office space under a lease agreement at 725 Fifth Avenue in New York, NY, which expires on August 31, 2018. The Company occupies this space along with the Parent and is allocated 50% of the monthly lease liability. The remaining commitment for calendar year 2018 for the Company is \$31,250.

**4. Indemnifications**

In the normal course of its business, the Company indemnifies and guarantees certain service providers against specified potential losses in connection with their acting as an agent of, or providing services to, the Company. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, the Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under these arrangements and has not recorded any contingent liability in the financial statements for these indemnifications.

The Company provides representations and warranties to counterparties in connection with a variety of commercial transactions and occasionally indemnifies them against potential losses caused by the breach of those representations and warranties. The Company may also provide standard indemnifications to some counterparties to protect them in the event additional taxes are owed or payments are withheld, due either to a change in or adverse application of certain tax laws. These indemnifications generally are standard contractual terms and are entered into in the normal course of business. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, the Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under these arrangements and has not recorded any contingent liability in the financial statements for these indemnifications.

**5. Concentrations of Credit Risk**

During the period ended March 31, 2018, approximately 92% of the Company's revenue was earned from four customers. At March 31, 2018, approximately 80% of the Company's receivables were owed from one customer.

**6. Net Capital Requirement**

The Company is subject to the SEC uniform net capital rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of a minimum amount of net capital and required the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At March 31, 2018, the company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$138,089 and \$5,377, respectively. The Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was 58.41%.

**7. Subsequent Events**

The Company has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between April 1, 2018 and May 25, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible disclosure and recognition in the financial statements.

There were no events or transactions that occurred during this period that materially impacted the amounts or disclosures in the Company's financial statements.

**ABG, LLC**

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**Schedule of SIPC Assessment and Payments**

**As of and for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2018**

**ABG, LLC**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED UPON PROCEDURES  
RELATED TO AN ENTITY'S SIPC ASSESSMENT RECONCILIATION

Member  
ABG, LLC  
New York, New York:

In accordance with Rule 17a 5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and with the SIPC Series 600 Rules, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Assessment and Payments [General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7)] to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) for the year ended March 31, 2018, which were agreed to by ABG, LLC (the "Company") and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating the Company's compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). ABG, LLC management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. This agreed upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

Procedures performed:

- > Compared listed assessment payments in the amended Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement records, noting no differences.
- > Compared the amounts reflected in the audited amended Form X-17A- 5 for the year ended March 31, 2018 with amounts reported in the amended Form SIPC-7 for the year ended March 31, 2018, noting no differences.
- > Compared any adjustments reported in the amended Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and workpapers, noting no differences.
- > Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in the amended Form SIPC-7 and in the related supporting schedules and workpapers supporting the adjustments, noting no differences.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

*Baker Tilly Vorchaw Krause, LLP*

New York, New York  
May 25, 2018

**SIPC-7**

(35-REV 6/17)

**SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION**  
P.O. Box 92185 Washington, D.C. 20090-2185  
202-371-8300  
**General Assessment Reconciliation**

**SIPC-7**

(35-REV 6/17)

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018

(Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

**TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS**

1. Name of Member, address, Designated Examining Authority, 1934 Act registration no. and month in which fiscal year ends for purposes of the audit requirement of SEC Rule 17a-5:

ABG, LLC  
1100 Main Street, Suite 2100  
Kansas City, MO 64105

8-69247

Note: If any of the information shown on the mailing label requires correction, please e-mail any corrections to form@sipc.org and so indicate on the form filed.

Name and telephone number of person to contact respecting this form.

Jay Gettenberg 212-668-8700

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- 2. A. General Assessment (item 2e from page 2) \$ 1,722
- B. Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude Interest) ( 1,092 )  
  - April 13, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Less prior overpayment applied ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- D. Assessment balance due or (overpayment) 630
- E. Interest computed on late payment (see instruction E) for \_\_\_\_\_ days at 20% per annum \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Total assessment balance and interest due (or overpayment carried forward) \$ 630
- G. PAYMENT:  the box  Funds W/ired   
 Check mailed to P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total (must be same as F above) \$ 630
- H. Overpayment carried forward \$( \_\_\_\_\_ )

3. Subsidiaries (S) and predecessors (P) included in this form (give name and 1934 Act registration number):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The SIPC member submitting this form and the person by whom it is executed represent thereby that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete.

ABG, LLC

(Name of Corporation, Partnership or other organization)

*[Signature]*

(Authorized Signature)

Dated the 18th day of May, 20 18.

FINOP

(Title)

This form and the assessment payment is due 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Retain the Working Copy of this form for a period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2 years in an easily accessible place.

**SIPC REVIEWER**

Dates:                                                                 
           Postmarked           Received           Reviewed

Calculations                      Documentation                      Forward Copy                     

Exceptions: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition of exceptions: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES"  
AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT**

Amounts for the fiscal period  
beginning April 1, 2017  
and ending March 31, 2018

Item No.

2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030)

Eliminate cents  
\$ 1,147,748

2b. Additions:

- (1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above.
- (2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts.
- (3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts.
- (4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a.
- (5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities.
- (6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining net profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities.
- (7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts.

Total additions

2c. Deductions:

- (1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insurance, from investment advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products.
- (2) Revenues from commodity transactions.
- (3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions.
- (4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation.
- (5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts.
- (6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date.
- (7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act).
- (8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business. (See Instruction C):

(Deductions in excess of \$100,000 require documentation)

(9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960). \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii)

Total deductions

2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues

\$ 1,147,748

2e. General Assessment @ .0015 Rate effective 1/1/2017

\$ 1,722

(to page 1, line 2.A.)