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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 01/01/2017 AND ENDING 12/31/2017
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Artisan Partners Distributors LLC

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

875 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 800

(No. and Street)

Milwaukee

WI

53154

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Michelle L. Klein

414-390-6100

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC

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

833 E. Michigan St., Ste 1200

Milwaukee

WI

53202

(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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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Michelle L. Klein, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Artisan Partners Distributors LLC, as of December 31, 2017, 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:

None

Michelle Klein

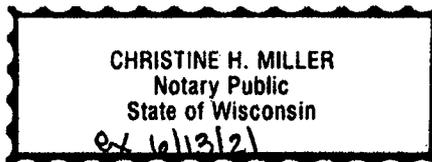
Signature

Chief Financial Officer

Title

Christine H. Miller

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 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).

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Artisan Partners Distributors LLC

**Exemption Report Pursuant to Rule 17a-5
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
December 31, 2017**

Artisan Partners Distributors LLC's Exemption Report

Artisan Partners Distributors LLC (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5, "Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

(1) The Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 under the provisions of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 (k): (1) and (2)(i).

(2) The Company met the identified exemption provisions in 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3(k)(1) and 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 (k)(2)(i) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

Artisan Partners Distributors LLC

I, Michelle Klein, affirm that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

By: Michelle Klein
Title: Chief Financial Officer
February 21, 2018



Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Management of Artisan Partners Distributors LLC:

We have reviewed Artisan Partners Distributors LLC's assertions, included in the accompanying Artisan Partners Distributors LLC's Exemption Report, in which (1) the Company identified 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3(k)(1) and (2)(i) as the provisions under which the Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 (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 the assertions and for compliance with the identified exemption provisions throughout the year ended December 31, 2017.

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 assertions. 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 assertions referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraphs (k)(1) and (2)(i) of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Milwaukee, WI
February 21, 2018

General Assessment Reconciliation

For the fiscal year ended 12/31/2017
(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:

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51043 FINRA DEC
ARTISAN PARTNERS DISTRIBUTORS LLC
875 E WISCONSIN AVE STE 800
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202-5408

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.

David Gaskin 414-299-4029

2. A. General Assessment (Item 2e from page 2)	\$	<u>0</u>
B. Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude interest)	(<u>0</u>)
_____ Date Paid		
C. Less prior overpayment applied	(<u>0</u>)
D. Assessment balance due or (overpayment)		<u>0</u>
E. Interest computed on late payment (see instruction E) for _____ days at 20% per annum		<u>0</u>
F. Total assessment balance and interest due (or overpayment carried forward)	\$	<u>0</u>
G. PAID WITH THIS FORM: Check enclosed, payable to SIPC Total (must be same as F above)	\$	<u>0</u>
H. Overpayment carried forward	\$(<u>0</u>)

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

None

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.

Artisan Partners Distributors

(Name of Corporation, Partnership or other organization)

[Signature]
(Authorized Signature)

Chairman and President

(Title)

Dated the 9th day of February, 2018.

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: _____

AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT

Amounts for the fiscal period
beginning 1/1/2017
and ending 12/31/2017

Item No.	Eliminate cents
2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030)	\$ <u>0</u>
2b. Additions:	
(1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above.	0
(2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts.	0
(3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts.	0
(4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a.	0
(5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities.	0
(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.	0
(7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts.	0
Total additions	0
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.	0
(2) Revenues from commodity transactions.	0
(3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions.	0
(4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation.	0
(5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts.	0
(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.	0
(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).	0
(8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business. (See Instruction C):	0
(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.	\$ <u>0</u>
(ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960).	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii)	0
Total deductions	0
2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues	\$ <u>0</u>
2e. General Assessment @ .0015	\$ <u>0</u>

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