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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 01/01/2018 AND ENDING 12/31/2018  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: **Ronin Professional, L.L.C.**  
 ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)  
**350 N. Orleans Suite 2N**

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FIRM I.D. NO.

(No. and Street)  
**Chicago** **IL** **60654**  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
Kelly Huerta (312) 244-5338  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

**RSM US LLP**

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

**One South Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago IL 60606**  
(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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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Travis Aronson, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Ronin Professional, L.L.C., as of December 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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Signature

CEO

Title

  
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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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Managing Member of  
Ronin Professional, LLC

### Opinion on the Financial Statement

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

### Basis for Opinion

This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company'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 the Company in accordance with 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 financial statement is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audit, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

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.

*RSM US LLP*

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2008.

Chicago, Illinois  
February 25, 2019

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**Ronin Professional, LLC**

**Statement of Financial Condition**

**December 31, 2018**

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**Assets**

Cash	\$ 664,724
Receivable from broker-dealers	1,857,497
Brokerage and execution fees receivable	<u>111,146</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,633,367</u></b>

**Liabilities and Member's Equity**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 640,630</u>
Member's equity	<u>1,992,737</u>
<b>Total liabilities and member's equity</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,633,367</u></b>

See Notes to Statement of Financial Condition.

## Ronin Professional, LLC

### Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

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#### Note 1. Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Ronin Professional, LLC (the Company) formerly known as Dart Executions, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, facilitates agency-only equity, option, futures and Repo execution services for broker-dealers, institutional customers and professional traders via a proprietary electronic order routing platform.

The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) as an introducing broker. The Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the National Futures Association (NFA), the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) and various exchanges. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ronin Capital, LLC (Ronin, or the Parent) and receives financial support from the parent.

The Company operates under the provisions of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and, accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of that rule. Essentially, the requirements of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) provide that the Company clear all transactions on behalf of customers on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing broker-dealer, and promptly transmit all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker-dealer. The clearing broker-dealer carries all of the accounts of the customers and maintains and preserves all related books and records as are customarily kept by a clearing broker-dealer.

A summary of the Company's significant accounting policies follows:

**Accounting policies:** The Company follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB), to ensure consistent reporting of financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

**Use of estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Adoption of ASC Topic 606:** On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) using the modified retrospective method applied to those contracts which were not completed as of January 1, 2018. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under Topic 606, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with historical accounting under Topic 605.

A performance obligation is a promise in a contract to transfer a distinct good or service to the customer and is the unit of account in the new revenue recognition standard. The transaction price in a contract is allocated to each distinct performance obligation and is recognized as revenue when, or as, the performance obligation is satisfied.

There was no impact to retained earnings as of January 1, 2018, or to revenue in 2018, after adopting Topic 606, as revenue recognition and timing of revenue did not change as a result of implementing Topic 606.

**Revenue recognition:** Brokerage and execution revenue and related expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis as securities and futures transactions occur.

Receivables from contracts with customers within the scope of ASC 606 were \$114,747 at January 1, 2018 and \$111,146 at December 31, 2018.

**Notes to Statement of Financial Condition**

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**Note 1. Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

The timing of revenue recognition and billings results in receivables and contract assets. Generally, billing occurs subsequent to revenue recognition, resulting in contract assets. Accounts receivable are recorded when the right to consideration becomes unconditional and are presented separately in the statement of financial condition. Contract assets are included in other assets in the statement of financial position.

**Income taxes:** The Company is organized as a single-member limited liability company and is a disregarded entity for federal and state income tax purposes. The results of the Company are included in the tax returns of the parent, whose members are liable for federal and state income taxes on their respective share of the taxable income of the Company. Accordingly, no provision or benefit for federal income taxes has been made in the Company's financial statements.

The Company evaluates the income tax positions taken to determine whether or not they are more-likely-than-not of being sustained when challenged or examined by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax expense and liability in the current year. For the year ended December 31, 2018, management has determined that there are no material uncertain income tax positions that impact the Company's financial statements. The Parent is generally subject to examination by U.S. federal and state tax authorities for the current tax year and prior three tax years.

**Subsequent events:** The Company has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and/or disclosure through the date these financial statements were issued, noting none.

**Recently issued accounting pronouncements:** In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)* which supersedes the leasing guidance in the ASC 840, *Leases*. Under ASU 2016-02 lessees are required to recognize a right-of-use asset and lease liability for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classification determining the pattern of expense recognition in the statement of operations. This guidance is effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and requires a modified retrospective approach to adoption for leases that exist or are entered into after the beginning of the earliest period in the financial statements. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that adoption of this ASU will have on its financial statements.

**Note 2. Receivable from Broker-Dealers**

Receivable from broker-dealers at December 31, 2018 consists of available cash balances held at the clearing firms.

**Note 3. Related-Party Transactions**

The Company operates under an expense sharing agreement whereby the Parent pays certain operating expenses of the Company for which the Company reimburses the Parent at a monthly fixed rate. In accordance with the terms of the agreement, the Parent will provide support services, office space, and technology.

The Company has agreements with affiliated entities whereby the affiliated entities have agreed to pay all fees, costs and expenses associated with certain trading services, as defined. The expenses are reimbursed by the affiliated entities and are not the obligation of the Company and are not accrued for in the statement of financial condition.

**Note 4. Off-Balance-Sheet Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk**

In the normal course of business, the Company's customer activities involve the execution of various customer securities transactions. The Company does not open or establish accounts on behalf of its

**Notes to Statement of Financial Condition**

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**Note 4: Off-Balance-Sheet Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk (continued)**

customers and does not clear its own securities and futures transactions. All customers have pre-established securities and/or futures accounts with a clearing broker for this purpose. This can and often does result in a concentration of credit risk with these firms. The Company routes customer orders to trading centers (e.g. a national securities exchange), and each order message includes the customer clearing account number and clearing broker information.

When a trading center executes a customer order, the trading center electronically sends the transaction directly to the clearing firm where it is booked to the customer clearing account in real time. Upon booking, the Company is relieved of any credit risk.

**Note 5. Indemnifications**

In the normal course of business, the Company indemnifies and guarantees certain service providers, such as broker-dealers, against specified 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.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties that provide indemnifications under certain circumstances. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Company that have not yet occurred. 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.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is subject to regulatory matters. The Company has strong defenses and intends to vigorously defend itself against the claims asserted. The Company, after consultation with outside legal counsel, believes that the amount for which it may be liable, if any, will not have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

**Note 6. Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. The rule also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2018, the Company had net capital of \$2,475,737 which was \$2,375,737 in excess of its required net capital of \$100,000. The Company's net capital ratio was 0.06 to 1. The Company is also subject to the CFTC's minimum capital requirements under Regulation 1.17. Under these rules, the Company is required to maintain "adjusted net capital" equivalent to the greater of \$45,000 or \$3,000 per associated person. The Company's minimum net capital requirement is the greater of the requirement under Regulation 1.17 or Rule 15c3-1. Net capital changes from day to day, but at December 31, 2018, the Company had net capital of \$2,475,737, which was \$2,375,737 in excess of the required net capital under Rule 15c3-1 of \$100,000.

# Ronin Professional, LLC

Financial Report  
December 31, 2018

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February 15, 2019

Ronin Professional, LLC, a registered introducing broker, is submitting this audited annual report and its attachments as of and for the year December 31, 2018. The person whose signature appears below represents that, to the best of their knowledge, all information contained therein is true, correct and complete.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Aronson', is written over a solid horizontal line.

Travis Aronson  
CEO