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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/18 AND ENDING 12/31/18  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership

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(State)

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(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Ernst Wintter & Associates LLP

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(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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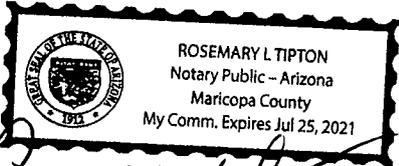
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Chad Shindel, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership, as of and for the year ended 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:



Handwritten signature of Rosemary L. Tipton, Notary Public.

Handwritten signature of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Signature

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Title

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

- (a) Facing Page.
(b) Statement of Financial Condition.
(c) Statement of Income (Loss) or, if there is other comprehensive income in the period(s) presented, a Statement of Comprehensive Income (as defined in §210.1-02 of Regulation S-X).
(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 Partners of  
United Planners' Financial Services of America

**Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of United Planners' Financial Services of America, a Limited Partnership (the "Partnership"), as of December 31, 2018, the related statements of income, changes in partners' capital, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes and schedules I and II (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Partnership as of December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Partnership's financial statements 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 Partnership 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 financial statements are 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 statements, 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 statements. 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 statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

**Supplemental Information**

Schedules I and II have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Partnership's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements 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, Schedules I and II are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



We have served as United Planners' Financial Services of America's auditor since 2014.  
Walnut Creek, California  
February 15, 2019

**United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**December 31, 2018**

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<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,896,861
Commissions receivable	5,280,530
Clearing deposit	100,000
Property and equipment, net	303,664
Other assets	3,181,178
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,762,233</u>
<b>Liabilities and Partners' Capital</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Commissions payable	\$ 4,652,517
Accrued compensation and other liabilities	3,597,486
Accounts payable	93,972
Total liabilities	<u>8,343,975</u>
<b>Partners' Capital</b>	
General Partner	5,129,929
Limited Partners	4,288,329
Total Partners' capital	<u>9,418,258</u>
Total liabilities and Partners' capital	<u>\$ 17,762,233</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral  
part of these financial statements.

**United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership**  
**Statement of Income**  
**Year ended December 31, 2018**

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<b>Revenues</b>	
Commissions	\$ 51,745,320
Advisory fees	36,201,651
Other	3,462,443
Interest	115,531
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Total revenues	91,524,945
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Commissions	75,194,098
Employee compensation and benefits	8,535,397
General and administrative	1,335,422
Professional services	1,184,959
Office	624,360
Ticket charges	566,528
Communications and data processing	321,302
Rent	297,941
Advertising and sales	278,077
Other	145,197
Depreciation	55,693
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Total operating expenses	88,538,974
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Net income	<u><u>\$ 2,985,971</u></u>

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**United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership**  
**Statement of Changes in Partners' Capital**  
**Year ended December 31, 2018**

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	<b>General Partner's Capital</b>	<b>Limited Partners' Capital</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance - January 1, 2018	\$ 4,312,385	\$ 3,698,020	\$ 8,010,405
Distributions	(569,864)	(1,008,254)	(1,578,118)
Net income - preferred return	187,126	131,552	318,678
Net income - residual allocation	1,200,282	1,467,011	2,667,293
Balance - December 31, 2018	\$ 5,129,929	\$ 4,288,329	\$ 9,418,258

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**United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership**

**Statement of Cash Flows**

**Year ended December 31, 2018**

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<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Cash received from commissions and advisory fees	\$ 85,594,572
Other cash receipts	3,462,443
Interest received	115,531
Cash paid for commissions	(73,624,452)
Cash paid to vendors and employees	<u>(12,103,837)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,444,257
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>	
Purchases of property and equipment	(119,145)
Loans issued to representatives	(963,500)
Payments received on loans to representatives	<u>274,157</u>
Net cash used for investing activities	(808,488)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>	
Partners' capital distributions	<u>(1,353,369)</u>
Net cash used for financing activities	<u>(1,353,369)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,282,400
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>7,614,461</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents - end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 8,896,861</u></u>
<b>Non-cash investing and financing activities:</b>	
Distributions applied to non-forgiveable loans	<u><u>\$ 224,749</u></u>

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part of these financial statements.

**United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership**  
**Statement of Cash Flows - Continued**  
**Year ended December 31, 2018**

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**Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by  
operating activities:**

Net income	\$ 2,985,971
<i>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</i>	
Compensation through forgiveness of loans issued to representatives	252,754
Depreciation	55,693
Provision for bad debts	58,540
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>	
Increase in commissions receivable	(2,352,399)
Increase in other assets	(51,464)
Increase in commissions payable	1,569,646
Decrease in accounts payable	(192,137)
Increase in accrued compensation and other liabilities	<u>1,117,653</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 3,444,257</u>

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part of these financial statements.

**United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**Year ended December 31, 2018**

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**Note 1 – Organization and Description of Operations**

United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership (the "Partnership"), is a securities broker-dealer licensed in all states. The Partnership is subject to regulation under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Partnership was formed on August 21, 1987 although the partnership agreement has since been amended and restated, and shall continue until August 21, 2075.

The General Partner of the Partnership is United Planners' Group, Inc. (the "Corporation"), an Arizona Corporation, while the limited partners are participating brokers who are also independent contractors of the Partnership.

The Partnership was established to conduct the business of a broker-dealer/general agency engaged in the investment in and distribution of securities, investment programs, and other financial services products. The Partnership acts as an introducing broker-dealer that clears all transactions with and for customers on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing broker-dealer, mutual fund, life insurance company, or limited partnership.

The Partnership transmits all customer funds and securities to the clearing enterprise, which maintains and preserves all accounts and records of the Partnership's customers. The clearing enterprise receives a fee for this service, which is a percentage of the gross commission on agency transactions or the net trading profits after clearing fees on principal transactions.

The Partnership is also a Registered Investment Advisor under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940.

**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Presentation***

The Partnership prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

***Statement of Cash Flows***

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. The carrying values approximate fair values due to the short-term maturities of these investments.

## **Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

### ***Commissions Receivable and Commissions Payable***

Commissions receivable primarily represent commissions due to the Partnership from the sale of financial products. Commissions payable represent amounts due to the Partnership's sales representatives in connection with the sale of financial products.

### ***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

The carrying amount of certificates of deposit, commissions receivable, commissions payable and other liabilities, approximates fair value due to the short-term maturity of those instruments.

### ***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment is recorded at cost and depreciated or amortized using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives ranging from four to eight years.

### ***Clearing Deposits***

Clearing deposits represent a deposit maintained with a clearing broker-dealer in connection with the use of their services.

### ***Other Assets***

Other assets include notes receivable of \$2,294,037 and are due from representatives and limited partners. They are considered fully collectible and are carried at the lower of their carrying value or fair value. As of December 31, 2018, the carrying value of notes receivable approximates fair value, which is determined based on current market information for similar instruments.

### ***Securities Transactions***

Securities transactions for the Partnership's customers are executed and cleared by independent clearing agents on a fully disclosed basis. Customers' securities transactions are reported on a settlement-date basis with related commission revenue and expenses reported on a trade-date basis. Fees paid to the clearing agent are recorded as expenses when incurred.

### ***Income Taxes***

The Partnership files a partnership tax return with the earnings and losses included in the income tax returns of the general and limited partners who are taxed depending on their respective tax status.

Management evaluates annually its tax positions and, if applicable, adjusts its income tax provision accordingly. As of December 31, 2018, no uncertain tax positions have been identified and accordingly, no provision has been made. The Partnership is no longer subject to examinations by major tax jurisdictions for years before 2014.

## **Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

On January 2, 2018, with an effective date of December 31, 2017, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued final regulations affecting partnerships (and entities taxed as partnerships) that are intended to streamline the tax examination process and allow the IRS to collect any underpayments of tax from the partnership rather than the individual partners. Under the new process, the IRS will examine partnership items in a prior year under examination and any tax adjustments will be taken into account at the partnership level in the current year when the examination is complete. The partnership will pay the tax, interest, and penalties on underpayments using the highest statutory corporate or individual rate, which can be reduced under certain circumstances. The final regulations provide that partnerships can elect out of the new tax examination process if eligible. Management does not believe these changes have an effect on the Partnership's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018.

### ***Advertising Costs***

Advertising costs are expensed when incurred. Total advertising expense for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$113,224, which was recorded as a component of advertising and sales.

### ***Comprehensive Income***

There are no differences between comprehensive income and net income in the accompanying statements of income.

### ***Uses of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### ***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements***

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)" ("ASU 2016-02"), which amends a number of aspects of lease accounting, including requiring lessees to recognize almost all leases with a term greater than one year as a right-of-use asset and corresponding liability, measured at the present value of the lease payments. ASU 2016-02 is effective for the Partnership beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2019 and is required to be adopted using a modified retrospective approach.

## **Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, “Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326)” (“ASU 2016-13”), which will change the impairment model for most financial assets and require additional disclosures. The amended guidance requires financial assets that are measured at amortized cost be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. The allowance for credit losses is a valuation account that is deducted from the amortized cost basis of the financial assets. The amended guidance also requires the consideration of historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the collectability of the reported amount in estimating credit losses. ASU 2016-13 is effective for the Partnership commencing in the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 and will be applied through a cumulative-effect adjustment at the beginning of the year of adoption. Early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating the impact of the adoption of this standard on our financial statements.

### ***Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements***

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)” (“ASU 2014-09”), which supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 605, “Revenue Recognition.” ASU 2014-09 is based on the principle that revenue is recognized to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services and requires new qualitative and quantitative disclosures, including disaggregation of revenues and descriptions of performance obligations. The Partnership adopted the provisions of this guidance on January 1, 2018 using the full retrospective approach, which did not result in a cumulative-effect adjustment at the date of adoption.

## **Note 3 – Revenues**

Revenues are recognized when, or as, the Partnership satisfies its performance obligations by transferring control of promised products or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the Partnership expects to be entitled to in exchange for those products or services. Revenues are reported on a gross basis when the Partnership is acting in the capacity of the principal and on a net basis when the Partnership is the agent in a contract. Principal or agent designations depend on which entity has primary responsibility over performance obligations and control over the product or service before it is transferred to a customer.

### ***Commissions***

The Partnership, as an introducing broker-dealer, recognizes sales-based commissions on a trade-date basis when customers purchase stocks, mutual funds, variable annuities and other financial products. Sales-based commissions are generally based on a percentage of a product’s market value at the time of purchase. The Partnership earns trailing commissions on eligible products, primarily on variable annuities and mutual funds held by customers. Trailing commissions are recurring in nature, recognized over time as earned and based on the market value of customers’ trail eligible holdings.

### **Note 3 – Revenues - Continued**

Commissions are reported on a gross basis as the Partnership is the principal and has primary responsibility over the performance obligations.

#### ***Advisory Fees***

Fees are generally billed to customers monthly or quarterly, in advance or arrears, and based on either the period ending balance or average balance of total assets held. For accounts that are opened in the middle of a period, the fees are pro-rated accordingly and billed at the end of the period. Advisory fees may be received quarterly, but are recognized as earned on a pro-rata basis over the term.

The Partnership recognizes fees billed to customers as advisory fee revenue on a gross basis in accounts where the Partnership is the registered investment advisor (“RIA”). Advisors may conduct their advisory business through separate entities by establishing their own independent RIA firms rather than utilizing the Partnership’s corporate RIA. As independent RIAs are primarily responsible for providing the service to a customer, the portion of advisory fees that are collected from the customer by the Partnership and remitted to the independent RIA are considered pass-through amounts and only the net amount retained by the Partnership is included as a component of advisory fee revenue.

#### ***Other Revenues***

Other revenues primarily include amounts charged to the Partnership’s representatives for providing administrative, compliance and technology services in addition to marketing allowances received from product sponsors. Revenues from these services are recurring in nature and recognized over time as the Partnership satisfies its performance obligations.

#### ***Disaggregation of Revenue***

The following presents the Partnership’s revenue from contracts with customers disaggregated by major business activity for the year ended December 31, 2018:

Variable annuities	\$	28,420,997
Mutual funds		11,883,110
Fixed annuities		3,515,105
General securities		3,386,540
Alternative investments		1,643,026
Other		<u>2,896,542</u>
Total commissions		51,745,320
Advisory fees		36,201,651
Other revenues		<u>3,462,443</u>
Total revenue from contracts with customers	\$	<u>91,409,414</u>

### **Note 3 – Revenues - Continued**

#### ***Contract Balances***

The timing of the Partnership's revenue recognition may differ from the timing of payment by its customers. The Partnership records receivables when revenue is recognized prior to payment and it has an unconditional right to payment. The Partnership had receivables related to revenue from contracts with customers of \$5,280,530 and \$2,928,131 at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

### **Note 4 – Concentration of Credit Risk**

As of December 31, 2018, \$250,000 of the Partnership's bank balances were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and \$8,771,066 was uninsured, consisting of cash of \$499,134 and money market accounts of \$8,271,932. The Partnership has never experienced any losses related to these balances.

### **Note 5 – Fair Value Measurements**

Financial accounting standards define fair value and include a framework for measuring fair value and establish a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes valuation techniques. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach are used to measure fair value.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

- **Level 1** - Valuation based on unadjusted quoted prices within active markets for identical assets or liabilities accessible or payable by the Partnership.
- **Level 2** - Valuation based on quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities within active or inactive markets or information other than quoted market prices observable through market data for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- **Level 3** - Valuation based on inputs other than quoted market prices that reflect assumptions about the asset or liability that market participants would use when performing the valuation based on the best information available in the circumstances.

**Note 5 – Fair Value Measurements - continued**

As of December 31, 2018, the Partnerships' assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis consist of the following:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market accounts	\$ -	\$ 8,271,932	\$ -	\$ 8,271,932
Total	\$ -	\$ 8,271,932	\$ -	\$ 8,271,932

During 2018, the Partnership did not have any assets or liabilities measured on a non-recurring basis.

**Note 6 – Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment as of December 31, 2018 are as follows:

Equipment	\$ 422,642
Furniture	346,410
Leasehold improvements	65,664
Computer software	<u>12,083</u>
Total	846,799
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(543,135)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 303,664</u>

**Note 7 – Employee Benefit Plan**

Effective January 1, 2008, the Partnership established the United Planners' Financial Services of America 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), which covers all eligible employees. During 2018 the Partnership matched 100% of the first 4% of employee contributions and 50% of the next 3% of employee contributions. The Partnership's share of contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$183,924.

**Note 8 – Net Capital Requirements**

The Partnership is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule ("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 in Rule 15c3-1, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Regulatory net capital is calculated as total partners' capital plus subordinated liabilities, less non-allowable assets and applicable haircuts.

As of December 31, 2018, the Partnership had regulatory net capital of \$5,665,122, which was \$5,108,857 in excess of its required net capital of \$556,265. As of December 31, 2018, the Partnership's aggregate indebtedness was 1.47 times its net capital.

### **Note 9 – Reserve and Possession or Control Requirements**

Rule 15c3-3 (“The Rule”) of the Securities and Exchange Commission provides a formula for the maintenance by broker-dealers of reserves in connection with customer-related transactions and standards regarding the physical possession or control of fully paid and excess margin securities. There are allowable exemptions to the Rule provided that certain conditions are met. Due to the nature of the Partnership’s business, these conditions are satisfied and the Partnership claims an exemption under subparagraph (k)(2)(ii) of the Rule.

### **Note 10 – Allocation of Profits and Losses and Cash Distributions**

The Limited Partnership Agreement, as amended and restated, states that allocable profits and losses (as defined in the agreement) shall be allocated 45% to the General Partner and 55% to the Limited Partners. Limited Partners and General Partners are to receive a minimum of 25% and 50%, respectively, of any allocation in cash. Losses incurred prior to December 1993, were allocated 100% to the General Partner.

The Limited Partnership Agreement also defines a Preferred Return on Capital Invested (the “Preferred Return”). The rate used for the Preferred Return is determined annually at the General Partner’s discretion. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Preferred Return was \$318,678.

### **Note 11 – Related-Party Transactions**

The Partnership reimbursed the Corporation for certain employee benefits and technology use charges totaling \$237,900 for the year ended December 31, 2018, which are reported as a component of operating expenses.

The Partnership occasionally enters into certain representative affiliation agreements with some limited partners. Under these agreements the Partnership advances funds to assist with the costs of transition and other business needs. Once certain production and other requirements are met, these advances are either repaid or considered compensation. During 2018, \$498,906 of these advances were repaid through commissions or partner allocations and \$252,754 were reported as recruiting expenses included in general and administrative expenses. As of December 31, 2018, advances in the amount of \$2,294,037 were reported as other assets.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Partnership paid companies sharing common ownership with the Partnership \$309,854 for technology development services.

**Note 12 – Contingent Liabilities**

The Partnership is a defendant in lawsuits arising in the normal course of business. Management recorded a provision for settlements and fines related to lawsuits of \$250,000 in 2018. It is the opinion of management that the probability of losses in excess of the provision, if any, that will result from the litigation will not be material to the financial position or results of operations of the Partnership. It is reasonably possible that a loss that would be material to the Partnership would be incurred in future years as a result of ensuing arbitration, mediation or litigation.

**Note 13 – Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk**

As a securities broker, the Partnership is engaged in buying and selling securities for a diverse group of customers, including financial institutions. The Partnership introduces these customer transactions for clearance through independent clearing agents on a fully disclosed basis.

The Partnership's exposure to credit risk associated with nonperformance of customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets, which may result in the Partnership's inability to liquidate the customer's collateral at an amount equal to the original contracted amount.

Agreements between the Partnership and its clearing agents require the Partnership to assume any exposure related to such nonperformance of its customers. The Partnership monitors its customers' activity by reviewing information it receives from its clearing agents on a daily basis. Upon customer nonperformance, the representative is obligated to compensate the Partnership. Accordingly, the Partnership is at risk to the extent it does not obtain reimbursement from its representatives.

**Note 14 – Commitments and Contingencies**

The Partnership leases its office space under an operating lease agreement expiring on February 29, 2024. The Partnership's rent expense was \$297,941 for the year ended December 31, 2018 under this agreement.

The following are future minimum lease payments on its non-cancelable operating lease:

<b><u>Years ending December 31,</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
2019	\$ 335,364
2020	388,281
2021	395,694
2022	403,107
2023	410,520
2024	<u>68,570</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,001,536</u>

**Note 15 – Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 15, 2019, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No events or transactions occurred after year-end that require additional disclosure or adjustment to the financial statements.

**United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership**  
**Schedule I - Computation of Net Capital for**  
**Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 of the**  
**Securities and Exchange Commission**  
**As of December 31, 2018**

**Net Capital:**

Total partners' capital qualified for net capital	\$ 9,418,258
Deductions - nonallowable assets:	
Property and equipment, net	303,664
Other nonadmitted assets	<u>3,284,033</u>
Total deductions	<u>3,587,697</u>
Net capital before haircuts	5,830,561
Less haircuts:	
Haircuts	<u>165,439</u>
Total haircuts	<u>165,439</u>
<b>Net Capital</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,665,122</u></u>
Aggregate indebtedness	<u><u>\$ 8,343,975</u></u>
Minimum capital required	<u><u>\$ 556,265</u></u>
Net capital in excess of minimum capital required	<u><u>\$ 5,108,857</u></u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u><u>1.47 to 1</u></u>

**Reconciliation with Partnership's Net Capital Computation:**

There were no material differences noted in the Partnership's Net Capital Computation as of December 31, 2018.

**United Planners' Financial Services of America, A Limited Partnership**  
**Schedule II - Computation for Determination of Reserve**  
**Requirements for Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3**  
**Under the Securities and Exchange Commission**  
**Year ended December 31, 2018**

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The Partnership is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in that the Partnership's activities are limited to those set forth in the conditions for exemption appearing in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of the Rule.

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**Review Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

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To the Partners of  
United Planners' Financial Services of America

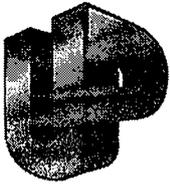
We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying SEA 15c3-3 Exemption Report, in which (1) United Planners' Financial Services of America, a Limited Partnership (the "Partnership"), identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which the Partnership claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: (k)(2)(ii) (the "exemption provisions") and (2) the Partnership stated that it met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. The Partnership'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 Partnership'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)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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Walnut Creek, California  
February 15, 2019



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## Exemption Report Required by SEC Rule 17a-5

United Planners' Financial Services of America, LP. (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 provision of k(2)(ii).
- 2) The Company met the identified exemption provisions in 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3(k) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

I, Chad Shindel, swear that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this exemption report is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Shindel, CPA, CGMA  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer