

PUBLIC



E.B.

SECURIT

19008104

ION

QMB APPROVAL
QMB Number. 3235-0123
Expires: August 31, 2020
Estimated average burden hours per response . . . . 12.00

Washington, D.C. 20549

SEC  
Mail Processing  
Section

MAR 05 2019

**ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT**  
**FORM X-17A-5/A**  
**PART III**

SEC FILE NUMBER
8-66721

Washington DC

FACING PAGE

**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 JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER DEALER: **CRONUS PARTNERS, LLC**

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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

FIRM ID. NO.

**181 OLD POST ROAD**

(No. and Street)

**SOUTHPORT**

**CT**

**06890**

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

**JEFFERY RUBIN**

**203-774-9640**

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT DESIGNATION**

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

**OHAB AND COMPANY, PA**

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

**100 E. SYBELIA AVENUE, SUITE 130, MAITLAND**

**FLORIDA**

**32751**

(Address and City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual audit 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).

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are required to respond unless the form displays a current valid OMB control number.

SEC 1410 (06-02)

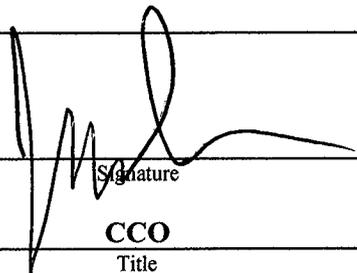
RMS

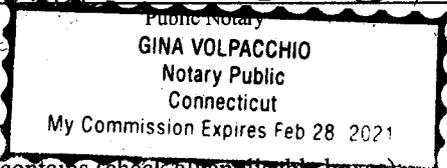
OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, JEFFREY RUBIN, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm or CRONUS PARTNERS, LLC, 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:

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



  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CCO  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title



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 Proprietor's 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 15c3-1.
- (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).

CRONUS PARTNERS LLC  
A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF  
SASCO HILL PARTNERS LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

CRONUS PARTNERS LLC  
A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF SASCO HILL PARTNERS LLC  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

CONTENTS

	<u>PAGE</u>
Facing Page/Oath or Affirmation	1 - 2
Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	3
Statement of Financial Condition	4
Notes to Financial Statement	5 - 8



# **Ohab and Company, P.A.**

100 E. Sybelia Ave. Suite 130  
Maitland, FL 32751

*Certified Public Accountants*  
Email: [pam@ohabco.com](mailto:pam@ohabco.com)

Telephone 407-740-7311  
Fax 407-740-6441

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Member's  
of Cronus Partners, LLC

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

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cronus Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statement). In our opinion, the statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cronus Partners, LLC 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 Cronus Partners, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Cronus Partners, LLC'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 Cronus Partners, LLC in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial 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.

*Ohab and Company, P.A.*

We have served as Cronus Partners, LLC's auditor since 2015.

Maitland, Florida

February 25, 2019

CRONUS PARTNERS LLC  
A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF SASCO HILL PARTNERS LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 337,538
Accounts receivable	22,712
Prepaid expenses and other	13,499
Fixed assets (net of accumulated Depreciation of \$30,091)	<u>12,492</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 386,241</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 13,316</u>
Member's equity	<u>372,925</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	 <u>\$ 386,241</u>

CRONUS PARTNERS LLC  
A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF SASCO HILL PARTNERS LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cronus Partners LLC (f/k/a Marcum Cronus Partners LLC) (the "Company") was organized in the State of Delaware on June 23, 2004. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). The Company began operations as a registered broker-dealer on April 22, 2005. The Company is wholly owned by Sasco Hill Partners LLC. (the "Parent"). Effective on June 6, 2014, the Company changed its name from Marcum Cronus Partners LLC.

The Company engages in advising and facilitating merger and acquisition transactions including private placements, recapitalizations, and other strategic maneuvers.

Fixed assets are carried at cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The depreciation expense recorded in 2018 was \$2,969.

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities and related revenue and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

Revenues from contracts with customers are composed of investment banking fees. Such fees are recognized at the point in time when the Company's performance under the terms of the contractual arrangement is completed, which is typically at the closing of the transaction. Reimbursed expenses related to these transactions are recorded as revenue and are included in investment banking fees. In certain instances, for advisory contacts, the Company will receive amounts in advance of the deal's closing. In these instances, revenue is recognized over time in which the performance obligations are simultaneously provided by the Company and consumed by the customer. At December 31, 2018, there were no advances to the Company.

The Company considers cash on deposit and money market accounts with a maturity date of 3 months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. At times, cash balances held at financial institutions may be in excess of balances insured by FDIC.

The Company uses the allowance method to account for uncollectible advisory fees and client expenses receivable. These accounts are presented net of the allowance on the statement of financial condition

CRONUS PARTNERS LLC  
A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF SASCO HILL PARTNERS LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 2. INCOME TAXES

No provision for federal and state income taxes has been made since the Company is not a taxable entity. As a single member limited liability company, the member is individually liable for the taxes on the Company's income or loss.

The Company complies with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740, Income Taxes which requires an asset and liability approach to financial accounting and reporting for income taxes. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed for differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on the enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce the deferred income tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

NOTE 3. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The company is subject to the SEC 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 ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2018, the Company had net capital \$324,222, which was \$319,222 in excess of its required minimum net capital of \$5,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .04 to 1.

NOTE 4. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

The Company maintains a 401(k) profit sharing plan providing for Company and employee contributions. Employees are eligible to make elective deferrals upon reaching age 21 and completing one (1) year of service. The employee's contribution is limited to the maximum employee deductible contribution for a defined contribution plan. This plan also allows catch-up contributions, participant loans, hardship distributions, matching contributions by the Company and rollovers from existing qualified retirement plans all of which are subject to limitations, eligibility and other conditions. Matching contributions are solely made at the discretion of the Company. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company did not make any contributions to the plan.

CRONUS PARTNERS LLC  
A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF SASCO HILL PARTNERS LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 5.      FIXED ASSETS

Details of fixed assets at December 31, 2018, are as follows:

Computer equipment	\$ 10,737
Website Development	25,456
Furniture and fixtures	<u>6,390</u>
Total fixed assets at cost	<u>\$ 42,583</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>30,091</u>
Net fixed assets	<u>\$ 12,492</u>

NOTE 6.      COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Beginning on December 15, 2016, the Company entered into a one year lease for office space for \$3,400 per month. In December 2018, the lease was renewed for an additional year at the same amount. The future minimum rental obligations under this operating lease agreement are noted below:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$40,800

Rent expense was \$40,800 for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The Company had no underwriting commitments, no contingent liabilities and had not been named as defendant in any lawsuit at December 31, 2018 or during the year then ended.

NOTE 7.      CONCENTRATION OF REVENUE

During the year, the Company earned revenue from two major customers that accounted for 51.8% and 17.3% of advisory fees and services.

NOTE 8.      SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated thru the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and no events have been identified which require disclosure.

CRONUS PARTNERS LLC  
A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF  
SASCO HILL PARTNERS LLC  
SCHEDULE OF SIPC ASSESSMENTS AND PAYMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 9. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASU 2014-09 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and all subsequent amendments to the ASU (collectively, "ASU 606") using the modified retrospective method of adoption. ASC 606 created a single framework for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers that fall within its scope. Under ASC 606, revenue is recognized upon satisfaction of performance obligations by transferring control over goods or services to a customer. The adoption of ASC 606 did not result in any changes to beginning retained earnings for the year ended December 31, 2018 or net income for the preceding year-end.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02 *Leases – (Topic 842)*. ASU 2016-02 will require the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet related to the rights and obligations created by lease agreements, including for those leases classified as operating leases under previous GAAP, along with the disclosure of key information about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early application is permitted. The Company has not evaluated the impact this new standard will have on its financial position and results of operations.