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**ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT  
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PART III**

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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**

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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2018 AND ENDING 12/31/18  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: SILVERMARK PARTNERS, LLC

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

3102 WEST END AVENUE, SUITE 150

(No. and Street)

NASHVILLE

TN

37203

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

WILL FITZGIBBON

615-250-1596

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

CHERRY BEKAERT, LLP

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

222 SECOND AVENUE SOUTH, SUITE 1240

NASHVILLE

TN

37201

(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, Will Fitzgibbon, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of

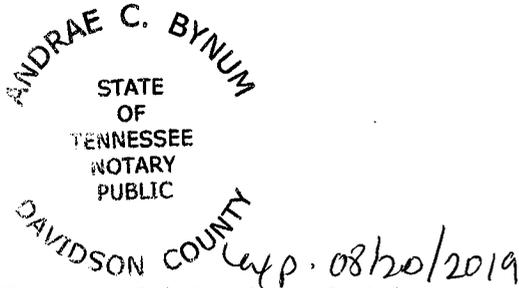
Silvermark Partners, LLC,

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:

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Will Fitzgibbon  
Signature  
Partner  
Title

Andrae C. Bynum  
Notary Public 02/20/2019



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).



## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Members of  
SilverMark Partners, LLC  
Nashville, Tennessee

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of SilverMark Partners, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2018, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition of the Company as of December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company'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 Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and 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.

### Auditor's Report on Supplemental Information

The supplemental information included in Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the SEC has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Company's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Company'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, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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

*Cherry Bekaert LLP*

Nashville, Tennessee  
February 16, 2019

**SILVERMARK PARTNERS, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**December 31, 2018**

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 559,605
Accounts receivable	48,194
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,002
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$26,063	<u>12,107</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 620,908</u></u>

<b>Liabilities and Member's Equity</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 6,634</u>
Total liabilities	<u>6,634</u>
Members' equity	<u>614,274</u>
Total liabilities and members' equity	<u><u>\$ 620,908</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

**SILVERMARK PARTNERS, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2018**

**NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS**

Silvermark Partners, LLC (the “Company”) was formed effective March 22, 2004 to operate as a broker-dealer on an introducing firm basis in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. It operates as a Tennessee limited liability company (LLC).

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Cash and cash equivalents**

The Company considers all short-term, highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. The Company maintains its cash in financial institutions at balances that at times may exceed federally insured limits.

**Accounts receivable**

The Company considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required at December 31, 2018.

**Property and equipment**

Property and equipment is recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided in amounts necessary to allocate the cost of the assets over their expected useful lives using the straight-line method.

**Consulting Income**

The Company provides advisory services on mergers and acquisition (M&A). Revenue for advisory agreements is generally recognized at the point in time that performance under the arrangement is completed (the closing date of the transaction) or the contract is cancelled. However, for certain contracts, revenue is recognized over time for advisory arrangements in which the performance obligations are simultaneously provided by the Company and consumed by the customer. In some circumstances, significant judgment is needed to determine the timing and measure of progress appropriate for revenue recognition under a specific contract.

Effective January 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASC Topic 606"). The new revenue recognition guidance requires that an entity recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised 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. The guidance requires an entity to follow a five-step model to (a) identify the contract(s) with a customer, (b) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (c) determine the transaction price, (d) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (e) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. In determining the transaction price, an entity may include variable consideration only to the extent that it is probable

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized would not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is resolved. The Company evaluated the new revenue recognition accounting standard and determined that the accounting standard did not require a change in the Company's revenue recognition practices. As a result, the Company was not required to record an accounting transition adjustment as of January 1, 2018.

**Income taxes**

The Company is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes and does not incur federal income taxes. Instead, its earnings and losses are included in the personal return of the member and taxed depending on their personal tax situation. Accordingly, the financial statements do not reflect a provision for federal income taxes. The Company is subject to certain state franchise and excise taxes.

The Company follows Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standard Codification guidance clarifying the accounting for the recording of uncertain tax positions. The benefits of uncertain tax positions are recorded in the financial statements only after determining a more-likely-than-not probability that the uncertain tax position will withstand challenge, if any, from taxing authorities. The tax benefit to be recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that is greater than fifty percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Company has no accrued tax penalties or interest in the accompanying financial statements.

**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 certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**New accounting pronouncements**

In February 2016 the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)". This new accounting guidance is intended to improve financial reporting about leasing transactions. The ASU affects all companies and other organizations that lease assets such as real estate, airplanes, and manufacturing equipment. The ASU will require organizations that lease assets referred to as "Lessees" to recognize on the balance sheet the assets and liabilities for the rights and obligations created by those leases. An organization is to provide disclosures designed to enable users of financial statements to understand the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. These disclosures include qualitative and quantitative requirements concerning additional information about the amounts recorded in the financial statements. Under the new guidance, a lessee will be required to recognize assets and liabilities for leases with lease terms of more than twelve months. Consistent

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

with current GAAP, the recognition, measurement, and presentation of expenses and cash flows arising from a lease by a lessee primarily will depend on its classification as a finance or operating lease. However, unlike current GAAP which requires only capital leases to be recognized on the balance sheet the new ASU will require both types of leases (i.e., operating and capital) to be recognized on the balance sheet. The FASB lessee accounting model will continue to account for both types of leases. The capital lease will be accounted for in substantially the same manner as capital leases are accounted for under existing GAAP. For operating leases there will have to be the recognition of a lease liability and a lease asset for all such leases greater than one year in term. The leasing standard will be effective for calendar year-end public companies beginning after December 15, 2018. Public companies will be required to adopt the new leasing standard for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted for all companies and organizations. The Company is evaluating the impact that this new leasing ASU will have on its financial statements.

**Subsequent events**

The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date when these financial statements were available to be issued, February 16, 2019. Management is not aware of any significant events that occurred subsequent to the statement of financial position date but prior to the filing of this report that would have a material impact on the financial statements.

**NOTE 3 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment at December 31, 2018 consists of the following:

Furniture and fixtures	\$25,577
Computers and equipment	10,473
Leasehold Improvements	<u>2,120</u>
	\$38,170
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(26,063)</u>
	<u>\$12,107</u>

**NOTE 4 – LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS**

The Company has no borrowings under subordination agreements at December 31, 2018.

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**NOTE 5 – OPERATING LEASE**

Effective January 2015, the Company entered into a non-cancelable lease agreement for its office space. The lease expired during August 2018. During October 2018 the lease was extended for three years to expire on October 31, 2021. Rent expense for the year was \$61,863. Future minimum lease payments required under this lease are as follows:

2019	\$ 61,072
2020	62,904
2021	<u>53,726</u>
	\$177,702

**NOTE 6 – CONCENTRATION RISKS**

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts that, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant risk. In addition, the company earned 81% of its revenue from four customers.

**NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Liabilities for loss contingencies arising from claims, assessments, litigation, guarantees, and other sources are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred, and the amount of the assessment and/or remediation can be reasonably estimated. Legal costs incurred in connection with loss contingencies are expensed as incurred. There were no matters existing that required the Company to record or disclose such a liability in the financial statements.

**NOTE 8 – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN**

The Company adopted a defined contribution plan, effective January 1, 2016, for its eligible employees. The Company may make deferral contributions up to the annual maximum amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Code. The Company expensed \$102,000 during 2018.

**NOTE 9 – 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. At December 31, 2018, the Company had net capital of \$552,971, which was \$547,971 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000.