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 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

Report for the period beginning 07/01/18 and ending 6/30/19

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:  
 Ernst & Young Capital Advisors, LLC

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 Firm ID No.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS (Do not use P.O. Box No.):  
 5 Times Square  
(No. and Street)

New York NY 10036  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS  
 REPORT: Steven F. Smith (617) 478-4650  
(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*  
DeMarco Sciacotta Wilkens & Dunleavy, LLP  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

9645 Lincolnway Lane, Suite 214A  
(No. and Street)

Frankfort Illinois 60423  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

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CHECK ONE:

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

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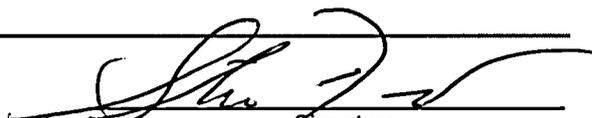
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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

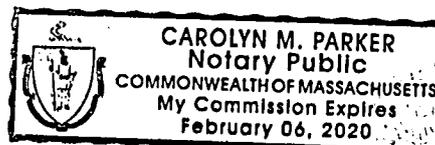
I, **Steven F. Smith**, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Ernst & Young Capital Advisors, LLC as of June 30, 2019, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the Company 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.

  
Signature

FINOP  
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 Cash Flows.
- (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 15c-3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c-3-3.
- (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 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).

# ERNST & YOUNG CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Member of  
Ernst & Young Capital Advisors, LLC

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Ernst & Young Capital Advisors, LLC, (the "Company") as of June 30, 2019, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ernst & Young Capital Advisors, LLC as of June 30, 2019 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 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.

We have served as Ernst & Young Capital Advisors, LLC's auditor since 2014.

*DeMarco Sciacotta Wilkens & Dunleavy LLP*

Frankfort, Illinois  
August 13, 2019

# ERNST & YOUNG CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

June 30, 2019

### ASSETS

Cash	\$ 23,060,872
Accounts receivable, net	641,276
Other Assets	<u>24,329</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 23,726,477</u>

### LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

#### Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 53,302
Due to affiliate	2,457,507
Deferred revenue	<u>352,083</u>
Total liabilities	2,862,892

#### Member's equity

Member's equity	<u>20,863,585</u>
Total Liabilities and Member's Equity	<u>\$ 23,726,477</u>

# ERNST & YOUNG CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL CONDITION

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### 1. Nature of business

Ernst & Young Capital Advisors, LLC. (the "Company") is a Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware in November 2009. The Company is wholly-owned by EYCA Holdings LLC, which is wholly-owned by Ernst & Young U.S. LLP ("EY"). The Company's operations consist primarily of corporate finance consulting and other advisory services in connection with bankruptcies, corporate debt restructuring activities, corporate restructuring transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and debt and equity capital markets transactions.

The Company is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA").

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### *Basis of Presentation*

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

#### *Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts*

The Company carries its accounts receivable at cost less an allowance for doubtful accounts. On a periodic basis, the Company evaluates its accounts receivable and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts based on a history of past write-offs and collections and current credit conditions. Accounts are written off as uncollectible on a case-by-case basis. The Company carried an allowance of \$162,147 as of June 30, 2019.

#### *Revenue Recognition*

On July 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASU 2014-09 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and all subsequent amendments to the ASU (collectively "ASU 606"), which creates a single framework for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers that fall within its scope. Revenues are recognized when the control of the promised services is transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those services in accordance with the terms of the engagement agreements.

Much of the Company's revenue comes from transactional investment banking services. Revenue from transactional services are recognized upon the successful completion of the transaction or invoicing of hourly fees, as a single performance obligation. Revenue from advisory services or retainers on brokerage services on transactions are amortized and recognized over time to match the continued delivery of performance obligations to the customers over an estimated period of time. Unearned revenue under ASU 606 is recorded on the Statement of Financial Condition as deferred revenue. The Company reviews its amortization policies under ASU 606 on an annual basis.

#### *Income Taxes*

The Company is a limited liability company and treated as a partnership for income tax reporting purposes. The Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") provides that any income or loss is passed through to the members for federal and state income tax purposes. Accordingly, the Company has not provided for federal or state income taxes.

# ERNST & YOUNG CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL CONDITION

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At June 30, 2019, management has determined that the Company had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition. This determination will always be subject to ongoing reevaluation as facts and circumstances may require. The Company remains subject to U.S. federal and state income tax audits for all tax years after 2016.

### **2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

#### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Company's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts disclosed in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **3. Net capital requirement**

The Company, as a member of FINRA, is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1. This Rule requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 and that equity capital may not be withdrawn, or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At June 30, 2019, the Company's net capital was approximately \$20,198,000, which was approximately \$20,007,000 in excess of its minimum requirement of \$190,860.

### **4. Concentrations**

For the year ended June 30, 2019, three clients had revenues in excess of 10% of the Company's total revenue. Overall, these three clients accounted for approximately 43% of the Company's total revenue for the year ended June 30, 2019. As of June 30, 2019, no receivables were outstanding for these clients.

The Company maintains its cash balances in one financial institution. These balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The Company believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk to cash.

### **5. Exemption from Rule 15c3-3**

The Company is exempt from the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3 and, therefore, is not required to maintain a "Special Reserve Bank Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers".

# ERNST & YOUNG CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL CONDITION

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### 6. Related party transactions

The Company does not employ any personnel. The Company and EY operate under a Services Agreement whereby EY provides employee and administrative services to the Company. The employee and administrative services include (but are not limited to) personnel, office space, facilities and equipment (including utilities), communications (including telephone, mobile telephone and data transmission), information technology support and all general and administrative services in connection with the Company's business. EY charges the Company for the provision of the services at an agreed upon monthly retainer amount in connection with providing employee and administrative services on behalf of the Company. The monthly retainer amount is agreed to at the start of each fiscal period. EY also charges the Company for direct expenses paid for by EY on the Company's behalf. For the year ended June 30, 2019, EY charged the Company approximately \$16,906,000 for the provision of employee and administrative services of which approximately \$2,420,000 was payable to EY at June 30, 2019 and is included in the due to affiliate balance on the statement of financial condition. The Company has approximately \$37,600 in the due to affiliate balance for amounts related to client payments received on behalf of EY.

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the Company recognized approximately \$466,000 of revenue under one agreement entered into with related parties to provide advisory services. There were no amounts outstanding as of June 30, 2019. Furthermore, the Company paid approximately \$203,000 in fees to affiliates on Company transactions.

### 7. Subsequent events

On July 25, 2019, the Board of Directors declared a return of capital in the amount of \$2,500,000 which is anticipated to be paid no later than September 2019. It is expected that the Board will continue to authorize returns of capital when available cash balances exceed one year of the Company's estimated operating expenses. Determination of the return of capital will be measured at the end of each quarter throughout the calendar year.

As of August 12, 2019, the Company collected approximately \$166,000 of accounts receivable outstanding as of June 30, 2019. The Company also paid approximately \$1,425,000 of the June 30, 2019 balance due to affiliate under the Services Agreement.