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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 1/1/2020 AND ENDING 12/31/2020
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: JD Merit Securities

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

3312 Rosedale Street - Suite 204

(No. and Street)

Gig Harbor

(City)

WA

(State)

98335

(Zip Code)

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

Joel Price

253-327-1620

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained on this Report*

Spicer Jeffries LLP

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

4601 DTC Blvd - Suite 700

(Address)

Denver

(City)

CO

(State)

80237

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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

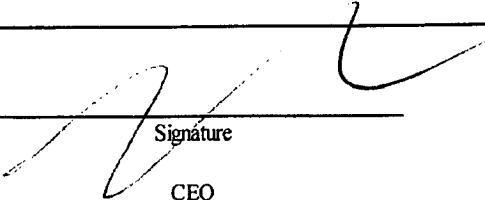
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Jonathan Craig Dickens, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of JD Merit Securities, as of December 31, 2020, 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:

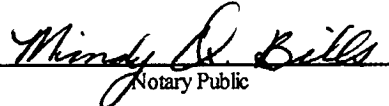


Signature

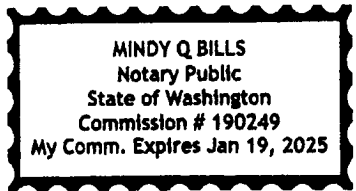
CEO

Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of February 2021



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 General Creditors.
- (g) Computation of net capital for brokers and dealers pursuant to Rule 15c3-1.
- (h) Computation for determination of reserve requirements pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information relating to the possession or control requirements for brokers and dealers 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 Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) supplemental report.
- (n) Exemption Report

** For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

JD MERIT SECURITIES

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of
JD Merit Securities, LLC

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of JD Merit Securities, LLC (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2020, 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 position of the Company as of December 31, 2020 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted 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 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.



We have served as JD Merit Securities, LLC’s auditor since 2020.

Denver, Colorado
February 8, 2021

JD MERIT SECURITIES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2020

ASSETS

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 57,555
Securities owned, non-marketable, at fair value	819
Prepaid expenses	<u>18,946</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 77,320</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

LIABILITIES	
Accrued expenses	\$ 1,400
Payable to Parent	<u>15,337</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 16,737
 MEMBER'S EQUITY	 <u>60,583</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	 <u>\$ 77,320</u>

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

JD MERIT SECURITIES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 1 - Organization

JD Merit Securities (the “Company”) is a broker-dealer registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”). The Company is a placement agent for private debt, equity securities and acts as a broker for the purchase and sale of private loans and securities. Additionally, the Company provides investment advisory services, including mergers and acquisitions transactions. The Company’s office is located in Gig Harbor, Washington.

The Company is wholly owned by JD Merit & Company (the “Parent”), a holding company located in Gig Harbor, Washington.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements are presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”).

Revenue Recognition

The Company provides advisory services on mergers and acquisitions (M&A). Revenue for advisory arrangements 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 judgement is needed to determine the timing and measure of progress appropriate for revenue recognition under a specific contract. Retainers and other fees received from customers prior to recognizing revenue are reflected as contract liabilities.

JD MERIT SECURITIES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

The Company recognizes revenue from placement fees, success fees and other service fees in the period they are earned and are reasonably assured as collectible. Accounts Receivable are reviewed periodically. The Company has not made provisions for bad debt expense or any amount of allowance for uncollectable accounts at year-end since it has determined that there is no need for any write-offs.

Receivables and Contract Balances

Receivables arise when the Company has an unconditional right to receive payment under a contract with a customer and are derecognized when the cash is received. As of December 31, 2019, the receivable balance was \$52,500. At December 31, 2020, there were no receivables reported in the statement of financial condition.

Contract assets arise when the revenue associated with the contract is recognized prior to the Company's unconditional right to receive payment under a contract with a customer (i.e., unbilled receivable) and are derecognized when either it becomes a receivable or the cash is received. Contract liabilities arise when customers remit contractual cash payments in advance of the Company satisfying its performance obligation under the contract and are derecognized when the revenue associated with the contract is recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied. The Company had no contract assets or liabilities at January 1, 2020 or December 31, 2020.

Disaggregated Revenue

All of the Company's revenues for the year ended December 31, 2020 were from engagements fees of \$365,335 and independent contractor fees of \$15,764.

Income Taxes

The Company consolidates its taxable income with its Parent, which files a partnership return for federal, state and city purposes. As a result, no federal or Washington State income taxes are provided, as they are the responsibility of the individual members.

JD MERIT SECURITIES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 the 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.

Note 3 - Concentrations

The Company maintains cash balances in one financial institution, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for up to \$250,000 per institution. From time to time, the Company's balances may exceed these limits.

Note 4 - Fair Value

The Company's security assets are recorded at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be paid to transfer the asset between market participants in an orderly transaction on the measurement date. The market in which the reporting entity would transfer the liability with the greatest volume and level of activity for the liability is known as the principal market. When no principal market exists, the most advantageous market is used. This is the market in which the reporting entity would transfer the asset with the price that maximizes the amount that would be received. Fair value is based on assumptions market participants would make in pricing the asset. Generally, fair value is based on observable quoted market prices or derived from observable market data when such market prices or data are available. When such prices or inputs are not available, the reporting entity should use valuation models.

The Company's asset is recorded at fair value and is categorized based on the priority of the inputs used to measure fair value. The inputs used in measuring fair value are categorized into three levels, as follows:

- Level 1 - Inputs that are based upon quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets.

- Level 2 - Inputs that are based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar investments in markets that are not active, or models based on valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the investment.

JD MERIT SECURITIES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 4 - Fair Value - continued

- Level 3 - Inputs that are generally unobservable and typically reflect management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset. The fair value is therefore determined using model-based techniques that include option pricing models and similar techniques.

The following describes the valuation methodology the Company uses to measure its financial asset at fair value.

The Company's financial instruments approximate fair value.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Assets</u>			
	<u>Measured At Fair Value</u>	<u>Fair Value Hierarchy Level</u>		
		<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Common Stock	819			819
Total	819	-	-	819

The Company has not transferred assets between levels during the year ended 2020.

Note 5 - Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) which requires the maintenance of a minimum net capital, as defined, of the greater of \$5,000 or one-fifteenth of aggregate indebtedness, as defined. At December 31, 2020, the Company had net capital of \$40,818, which exceeded its requirement by \$35,818. Additionally, the Company must maintain a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital of 15:1 or less. At December 31, 2020, this ratio was .41 to 1.

Note 6 - Commitments and Contingencies

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-1(3)(2), the Company may not authorize distributions to its members if such distribution causes the Company's net capital to fall below 120% of the Company's minimum net capital requirement. As of December 31, 2020, the Company was in compliance with this rule.

The Company had no underwriting commitments, no contingent liabilities and had not been named as defendant in any lawsuit at December 31, 2020 or during the year then ended.

JD MERIT SECURITIES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

Note 6 - Commitments and Contingencies - continued

The extent of the impact of coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak on the financial performance of the Company's investments will depend on future developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and related advisories and restrictions and the impact of COVID-19 on the financial markets and the overall economy, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. If the financial markets and/or the overall economy are impacted for an extended period, the Company's investment results may be materially adversely affected.

Note 8 - Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated all events or transactions that occurred after December 31, 2020 through February 8, 2021, which is the date that the financial statements were issued. During this period, there were no material subsequent events requiring disclosure.