

## Hilltop Securities Inc.

Statement of Financial Condition For the Six-months Ended June 30, 2017

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## Hilltop Securities Inc. Statement of Financial Condition June 30, 2017 (unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except par and redemption values)

Assets		
Cash	\$	8,598
Assets segregated for regulatory purposes	т	167,565
Receivable from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations		1,800,527
Receivable from clients, net of allowance of \$472		359,869
Securities owned, at fair value		457,939
Securities purchased under agreements to resell		125,188
Goodwill		7,008
Customer intangible, net of accumulated amortization of \$8,576		8,224
Fixed assets, at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$10,127		14,935
Net deferred tax asset		31,857
Other assets (including \$835 due from affiliates)		56,339
Total assets	\$	3,038,049
Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity		
Short-term borrowings	\$	201,000
Payable to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations (including \$739 due to affiliates)		1,396,054
Payable to clients (including \$300 clearing deposit due to affiliate)		500,686
Drafts payable		21,100
Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value		149,869
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		266,700
Notes payable due to affiliate		84,527
Subordinated debt due to affiliate		42,000
Accrued expenses and other liabilities (including \$14,156 due to affiliates)		87,981
		2,749,917
Stockholder's equity:		
Series A preferred stock, \$20 par value, \$1,000 redemption		
value; authorized 100,000 shares; no shares issued and outstanding		-
Class A voting common stock of \$1 par value; authorized		
10,000 shares; issued and outstanding 2,820 shares		3
Class B nonvoting common stock of \$1 par value; authorized 10,000		
shares; none issued		-
Additional paid-in capital		276,127
Retained earnings		12,002
		288,132
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$	3,038,049

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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## 1. Organization

Hilltop Securities Inc. (the "Company"), a Delaware Company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Hilltop Securities Holdings LLC ("Securities Holdings"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Hilltop Holdings Inc. ("Parent"). The Company is a New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") member broker/dealer, a registered investment advisor and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") as a broker/dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and as a registered investment advisor under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. The Company is also registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") as a non-guaranteed introducing broker and is a member of the National Futures Association ("NFA").

Pursuant to the SEC Rule 11(a) of the Exchange Act, over 50% of the Company's revenues are comprised of Section 11(a) items, indicating the Company is primarily engaged in trading on behalf of customers.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### **Securities Transactions**

Proprietary securities transactions are recorded on trade date, as if they had settled. Clients' securities and commodities transactions are reported on a settlement date basis with related commission income and expenses reported on a trade date basis.

Marketable securities are valued at fair value, based on quoted market prices, and securities not readily marketable are valued at fair value as determined by management. The Company evaluates fair value measurements by considering observable data that may include prices from independent pricing services, dealer quotes, market spreads, cash flows, the U.S. Treasury yield curve, live trading levels, trade execution data, and the financial instruments' terms and conditions, among other factors. The increase or decrease in net unrealized appreciation or depreciation of securities owned is credited or charged to operations and is included in net gains on principal transactions in the statement of operations. Interest income is recorded on these securities when earned.

#### **Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Fixed assets are comprised of furniture and equipment (\$17,320) and leasehold improvements (\$7,742) which are stated at cost. Depreciation of furniture and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets (from three to seven years), and depreciation on leasehold improvements is provided over the shorter of the useful life or the lease term (up to fifteen years) using the straight-line method. Additions, improvements and expenditures for repairs and maintenance that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense in the period incurred.

### **Goodwill and Customer Intangible**

The Company performs required annual impairment tests of its goodwill as of October 1st for changes in market value. Prior to testing goodwill for impairment, the Parent has the option to assess on a qualitative basis whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If determined, based on its assessment of qualitative factors that it is more likely than not that fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, the Parent will proceed to test goodwill for impairment as a part of a two-step process. The first step, used to identify potential impairment, involves

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comparing each reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying value, including goodwill. If the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value, there is an indication of potential impairment and the second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment. The second step involves calculating an implied fair value of goodwill for each reporting unit for which the first step indicated impairment. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment charge is recorded for the excess. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined by allocating the fair value of the reporting unit in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation. The residual fair value after this allocation is the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill.

The Company recorded two separate customer relationship intangibles as part of the acquisition of the Company by the Parent in November 2012 and the merger with the Parent in January 2015, which are being amortized over a 12 and 14 year period, respectively, at a rate based on the sum of the years digits.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are tested for impairment annually as of October 1st, or more often if events or circumstances indicate there may be impairment, and not amortized until their lives are determined to be definite by the Parent. If impaired, the intangible assets are recorded at fair value.

The Company did not determine that an impairment for either the Company's goodwill or intangible assets was deemed necessary upon their evaluation on October 1, 2016.

## **Resale and Repurchase Agreements**

Transactions involving purchases of securities under agreements to resell (reverse repurchase agreements or reverse repos) or sales of securities under agreements to repurchase (repurchase agreements or repos) are accounted for as collateralized financings. It is the policy of the Company to obtain possession of collateral with a fair value equal to or in excess of the principal amount loaned under resale agreements. Collateral is valued daily, and the Company may require counterparties to deposit additional collateral or return collateral pledged when appropriate. Interest payable and interest receivable on these amounts are included in the Statement of Financial Condition in other liabilities and other assets, respectively.

#### **Securities Borrowing and Lending Activities**

Securities borrowed and securities loaned transactions are generally reported as collateralized financings. Securities borrowed transactions require the Company to deposit cash, letters of credit, or other collateral with the lender. With respect to securities loaned, the Company receives collateral in the form of cash in an amount generally in excess of the fair value of securities loaned. The Company monitors the fair value of securities borrowed and loaned on a daily basis, with additional collateral obtained or refunded as necessary. Securities borrowed and securities loaned transactions are recorded at the amount of cash collateral advanced or received adjusted for additional collateral obtained or received. Securities borrowed and securities loaned, as well as the interest accrued on such transactions are included in the Statement of Financial Condition in receivables from and payables to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations. Interest revenue and interest expense on securities borrowed and securities loaned transactions are included in the statement of operations in interest revenue and interest expense, respectively.

### **Drafts Payable**

In the normal course of business, the Company uses drafts to make payments relating to its brokerage transactions. These drafts are presented for payment through an unaffiliated bank and are sent to the

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Company daily for review and acceptance. Upon acceptance, the drafts are paid and charged against cash.

## **Cash Flow Reporting**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers cash to include cash on hand and in bank accounts. In addition, highly liquid debt instruments purchased with maturities of three months or less, when acquired, are considered to be cash equivalents. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insures deposit accounts up to \$250. At June 30, 2017, the cash balances included \$7,022 that was not federally insured because they exceeded federal insurance limits. This at-risk amount is subject to fluctuation on a daily basis, but management does not believe there is significant risk on these deposits.

#### **Derivative Financial Instruments**

Derivative financial instruments arise from the execution of forward purchase commitments of mortgage-backed securities with certain clients that allow those clients to make mortgage loans at agreed-upon rates. The Company hedges the interest rate risk generated by the forward purchase commitments by executing forward sales of to-be-announced mortgage-backed securities (TBA). The amount hedged is influenced by the Company's estimated ratio of the forward purchase commitments that will not be securitized into mortgage-backed securities as part of the program (fallout rate). The Company uses historical experience, changes in interest rates, and other factors to determine the fallout rate.

Additionally, the Company enters into TBA agreements to assist clients (generally small to mid-size mortgage loan originators) in hedging the interest rate risk associated with the mortgages owned by the clients. In general, the Company will enter into a TBA purchase agreement with the client and then immediately enter into a TBA sale agreement with identical terms and the same settlement date with a separate counter-party.

While both the forward purchase commitments and TBAs meet the definition of a derivative under the provisions of the Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 815 "Derivatives and Hedging," they do not qualify for hedge accounting. However, the Company mitigates interest rate risk and volatility in reported earnings by selling TBAs with characteristics similar to the forward purchase commitments of mortgage-backed securities. The securities are carried at fair value and recorded in other assets and other liabilities based on the nature of the security with unrealized and realized gains/losses recorded in net gains on principal transactions on the statement of operations.

### **Income Taxes**

The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return with its Parent. For purposes of the Statement of Financial Condition, income taxes are computed on the benefits-for-loss method.

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

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

Fair value accounting establishes a framework for measuring fair value. Under fair value accounting, fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the principal market in which the reporting entity transacts. Further, fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability. In support of this principle, fair value accounting establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets and the lowest priority to unobservable data. Under the standard, fair value measurements are separately disclosed by level within the fair value hierarchy.

The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

• Level 1 — Quoted prices in an active market for identical assets or liabilities. Assets and liabilities utilizing Level 1 inputs include certain inventories held in the Company's securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased portfolio. Valuation of these instruments does not require a high degree of judgment as the valuations are based on quoted prices in active markets that are readily available.

Level 2 — Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Assets and liabilities utilizing Level 2 inputs include certain inventories held in the Company's securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased portfolio and the Company's commitments to purchase and sell TBA derivative securities. These financial instruments are valued by quoted prices that are less frequent than those in active markets or by models that use various assumptions that are derived from or supported by data that is generally observable in the marketplace. Valuations in this category are inherently less reliable than quoted market prices due to the degree of subjectivity involved in determining appropriate methodologies and the applicable underlying observable market assumptions.

Level 3 — Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets and liabilities. These assets and liabilities would have significant inputs that could not be validated by readily determinable market data and generally would involve considerable judgment by management. The Company does not have any financial instrument assets or liabilities utilizing Level 3 inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying Statement of Financial Condition, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

Securities Owned and Securities Sold, Not Yet Purchased Portfolio (including the Company's derivative TBA securities). Securities classified as Level 1 securities primarily consist of financial instruments whose value is based on quoted market prices in active markets such as corporate equity securities and U.S. government and government agency obligations primarily in U.S. treasury securities.

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Securities classified as Level 2 securities include financial instruments that are valued using models or other valuation methodologies. These models are primarily industry standard models that consider various assumptions, including time value, yield curve, volatility factors, current market and contractual prices for the underlying financial instruments, as well as other relevant economic measures. Substantially all of these assumptions are observable in the marketplace, can be derived from observable data or are supported by observable levels at which transactions are executed in the marketplace. Securities in this category include corporate obligations, U.S. government and government agency obligations, municipal obligations and the Company's commitments to purchase and sell TBA derivative securities.

Substantially all of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are carried at fair value or at amounts which, because of their short-term nature, approximate current fair value.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the Statement of Financial Condition 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 Statement of Financial Condition. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

The FASB has recently issued the following statements and interpretations, which are applicable to the Company. Any other new accounting pronouncements not specifically identified in our disclosures are not applicable to the Company.

ASU 2016-02 "Leases (Topic 842)." In February 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-02 related to leases. The new standard is intended to increase transparency and comparability among organizations and require lessees to record a right-to-use asset and liability representing the obligation to make lease payments for long-term leases. Accounting by lessors will remain largely unchanged. The amendments are effective for annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. Adoption will require a modified retrospective transition where the lessees and lessors are required to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented. The Company does not intend to adopt the provisions of the amendment early. The Company is currently evaluating the provisions of the amendment on its Statement of Financial Condition and processes, but upon adoption, expects to report higher assets and liabilities as a result of including additional leases on the Statement of Financial Condition.

#### 3. Assets Segregated For Regulatory Purposes

At June 30, 2017, the Company held cash of \$167,565 segregated in special reserve bank accounts for the exclusive benefit of customers under Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act Rule 15c3-3").

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## 4. Receivable From and Payable to Brokers, Dealers and Clearing Organizations

At June 30, 2017, the Company had receivable from and payable to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations related to the following:

#### Receivable:

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Securities borrowed	\$ 1,459,990
Correspondent broker/dealers	152,244
Clearing organizations	95,758
Securities failed to deliver	45,933
Trades in process of settlement, net	32,379
Other	14,223
	\$ 1,800,527
Payable:	
Securities loaned	\$ 1,312,985
Securities failed to receive	50,920
Correspondent broker/dealers	28,082
Other	 4,067
	\$ 1,396,054

The Company participates in the securities borrowing and lending business by borrowing and lending securities other than those of its clients. Securities borrowed and loaned represent deposits made to or received from other broker/dealers relating to these transactions. These deposits approximate the market value of the underlying securities. All open positions are adjusted to market values daily. The Company obtains or releases collateral as prices of the underlying securities fluctuate.

The Company clears securities transactions for correspondent broker/dealers. Proprietary settled securities and related transactions for these correspondents are included in the receivable from and payable to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations. At June 30, 2017, the Company held collateral for the receivables from correspondents in the amount of \$232,199.

Securities failed to deliver and receive represent the contractual value of securities that have not been delivered or received subsequent to settlement date.

Certain securities lending arrangements may be eligible for offset in the Statement of Financial Condition and /or subject to master netting arrangements or similar agreements.

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The following table provides information about these receivables and payables subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreements with offsetting rights and related collateral amounts at June 30, 2017:

				of financial condition						
Description	Gross amounts of recognized assets/ liabilities	Gross amounts offset in the statement of financial condition	Net amounts of assets/liabilities presented in the statement of financial condition	Financial instruments (3)		Cash Collateral		Net Amount		
Securities borrowed	\$ 1,459,990	\$ -	\$ 1,459,990	\$ (1,409,709)	\$	- :	\$	50,281		

1.312.985

(1,265,212)

Gross amounts not offset in the statement

47,773

1,312,985

Securities loaned (1)

<u>Securities Lending Activities</u>. The Company's securities lending activities includes lending securities for other broker/dealers, lending institutions and its own clearing and retail operations. These activities involve lending securities to other broker/dealers to cover short sales, to complete transactions in which there has been a failure to deliver securities by the required settlement date and as a conduit for financing activities.

When lending securities, the Company receives cash or similar collateral and generally pays interest (based on the amount of cash deposited) to the other party to the transaction. Securities lending transactions are executed pursuant to written agreements with counterparties that generally require securities loaned to be marked-to-market on a daily basis. The Company receives collateral in the form of cash in an amount generally in excess of the fair value of securities loaned. The Company monitors the fair value of securities loaned on a daily basis, with additional collateral obtained or refunded, as necessary. Collateral adjustments are made on a daily basis through the facilities of various clearinghouses. The Company is a principal in these securities lending transactions and is liable for losses in the event of a failure of any other party to honor its contractual obligation. The Company's management sets credit limits with each counterparty and reviews these limits regularly to monitor the risk level with each counterparty. The Company is subject to credit risk through its securities lending activities if securities prices decline rapidly because the value of the Company's collateral could fall below the amount of the indebtedness it secures. In rapidly appreciating markets, credit risk increases due to short positions. The Company's securities lending business subjects the Company to credit risk if a counterparty fails to perform or if collateral securing its obligations is insufficient. In securities transactions, the Company is subject to credit risk during the period between the execution of a trade and the settlement by the customer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup>Under securities lending agreements, the Company repledged \$1,273,527.

<sup>(2)</sup> Securities borrowed and loaned are not presented net on the Statement of Financial Condition.

<sup>(3)</sup> Amounts reflect fair value of underlying collateral.

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The following table presents the remaining contractual maturities of securities lending transactions accounted for as secured borrowings at June 30, 2017:

		June 30, 2017											
		Remaining Contractual Maturity of the Agreements											
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	Overnight and Up to 30					tha	an 90						
	<u>C</u>	<u>ontinuous</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>ays</u>	<u>30-9</u>	0 days	<u>c</u>	<u>lays</u>		<b>Total</b>			
Securities lending transactions													
Corporate securities	\$	8,586	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,586			
Equity securities		1,304,399		-		-		-		1,304,399			
Total borrowings	\$	1,312,985	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,312,985			
Gross amount of recognized liabilities	for secu	rities lendii	ng						\$	1,312,985			
Amount related to agreements not included in offsetting disclosure										-			

## 5. Receivable From and Payable to Clients

Receivable from and payable to clients include amounts due on cash and margin transactions. Included in these amounts are receivable from and payable to noncustomers (as defined by Exchange Act Rule 15c3-3, principally officers, directors and related accounts), which aggregated approximately \$2,089 and \$1, respectively, at June 30, 2017. Securities accounts of noncustomers are subject to the same terms and regulations as those of customers. Securities owned by customers and noncustomers that collateralize the receivables are not reflected in the accompanying Statement of Financial Condition.

The Company pledges client securities as collateral in conjunction with the Company's securities lending activities. At June 30, 2017, the Company has approximately \$473,936 of client securities under customer margin loans that are available to be pledged, of which the Company has repledged approximately \$39,458 under securities loan agreements.

The Company pays interest on certain customer "free credit" balances available for reinvestment. The aggregate balance of such funds was approximately \$394,313 at June 30, 2017. At June 30, 2017 and during the six-months ended June 30, 2017, the weighted average interest rate was 0.06% and the interest rate paid on these balances ranged from 0.05% to 0.12%.

The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$472 which represents amounts that, in the judgment of management, are necessary to adequately absorb losses from known and inherent risks in receivables from customers. Provisions made to this allowance are charged to operations. At June 30, 2017, all unsecured customer receivables had been provided for in this allowance.

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## 6. Securities Owned and Securities Sold, not yet Purchased

At June 30, 2017, securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, both of which are carried at fair value, included the following:

U. S. government agencies:  Bonds Residential mortgage-backed securities Collateralized mortgage obligations 1,668 Corporate debt securities 75,240 States and political subdivisions 98,619 Unit investment trusts: Corporate securities Municipal securities 7,359 Private-label issuers: Mortgage-backed securities Asset-backed securities 4,356 Asset-backed securities 5 Equity securities 5 LIABILITIES Securities sold, not yet purchased: U. S. treasury securities  U. S. government agencies: Bonds 14,085 Corporate debt securities 5 Equity securities 7 Equity securities 7		June 30, 2017
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At June 30, 2017, none of the above securities were pledged as security deposits at clearing organizations for the Company's clearing business. Additional securities have been pledged to secure short-term borrowings, see **Note 10**.

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## 7. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company participates in programs in which it issues forward purchase commitments of mortgage-backed securities to certain clients and sells TBAs as described in **Note 2**. At June 30, 2017, the Company's derivative positions associated with its TBA program are presented below:

	Not	tional Amount	Estima	ted Fair Value
Commitments to purchase TBAs	\$	3,907,444	\$	5,400
Commitments to sell TBAs		3,960,226		5,567

Certain derivative arrangements may be eligible for offset in the Statement of Financial Condition and /or subject to master netting arrangements or similar agreements.

The following table provides information about these derivative arrangements subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreements with offsetting rights and related collateral amounts at June 30, 2017:

						Gross amounts not offset in the statemen of financial condition						
amounts amounts asse of offset in the pres recognized statement of state assets/ financial		Net amounts of assets/liabilities presented in the statement of financial condition	Financial instruments	Cash collateral		Net						
Description		пантись	contaition		contaction	mstraments	conuctui		amount			
Derivative assetTBA	\$	11,638	\$ -	\$	11,638	\$ (11,638) \$	-	\$	-			
Derivative liabilityTBA		671	-		671	(671)	-		-			

### 8. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following table summarizes by level within the fair value hierarchy securities owned, at fair value, securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value and derivative securities as of June 30, 2017:

(dollars in thousands, except par and redemption values)

	Level			Level 2	_	Level 3	_	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Securities owned, at fair value								
U. S. treasury securities	\$	1,874	\$	-	\$	_	\$	1,874
U. S. government agencies:								
Bonds		-		32,944		-		32,944
Residential mortgage-backed securities		-		232,961		-		232,961
Collateralized mortgage obligations		-		1,668		-		1,668
Corporate debt securities		-		75,240		_		75,240
States and political subdivisions		-		98,619		_		98,619
Unit investment trusts:								
Corporate securities		-		1,561		_		1,561
Municipal securities		-		7,359		_		7,359
Private-label issuers:								
Mortgage-backed securities		-		3,356		_		3,356
Asset-backed securities		-		1,487		_		1,487
Certificates of deposit		-		865		_		865
Equity securities		5		-		_		5
	\$	1,879	•	456,060	-	_	\$	457,939
Derivative financial instruments	=	·		<u> </u>	=		-	<u> </u>
Commitments to purchase TBAs	\$	_	\$	5,400	\$	_	\$	5,400
Commitments to sell TBAs	7	_	_	6,238	_	_	_	6,238
<del> </del>	\$	_	\$	11,638	\$	_	\$	11,638
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		Level 1	_	Level 2	_	Level 3	_	Total
<u>LIABILITIES</u>								
Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value								
U. S.treasury securities	\$	73,470	\$	-	\$	_	\$	73,470
U. S. government agencies:		,						,
Bonds		_		14,085		_		14,085
Corporate debt securities		_		62,307		_		62,307
Equity securities		7		- <b>,</b>		_		7
1. 2	\$	73,477	•	76,392	-	_	\$	149,869
<b>Derivative financial instruments</b>	-		•		=		· =	
Commitments to sell TBAs	\$	_	\$	671	\$	_	\$	671
	-		Ψ:		*		<b>*</b> =	3,1
Net assets (liabilities)	\$_	(71,598)	\$	390,635	\$		\$	319,037

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At the end of each respective quarterly reporting period, the Company recognizes transfers of financial instruments between levels. During the six-months ended June 30, 2017, the Company did not have any transfers of financial instruments between levels.

## 9. Securities Purchased/Sold Under Agreements to Resell/Purchase

At June 30, 2017, the Company held reverse repurchase agreements, collateralized by U.S. government and government agency obligations and securities sold under repurchase agreements. These securities are reported on a gross basis in the Statement of Financial Condition.

Securities sold under repurchase agreements, which are secured borrowings, generally mature within one to thirty days from the transaction date. Securities sold under repurchase agreements are reflected at the amount of cash received in connection with the transactions. The Company may be required to provide additional collateral based on the fair value of the underlying securities. The Company monitors the fair value of the underlying securities on a daily basis. Interest payable on these amounts is included in the Statement of Financial Condition in other liabilities.

Certain reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements may be eligible for offset in the Statement of Financial Condition and /or subject to master netting arrangements or similar agreements. The following table provides information about these instruments subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement, repurchase agreements or similar agreements with offsetting rights and any related collateral amounts at June 30, 2017:

					Statement of financial condition							
Description	Gross amounts of recognized assets/ liabilities	Gross amounts offset in the statement of financial condition	Net amounts of assets/liabilities presented in the statement of financial condition		Financial instruments		Cash Collateral		Net Amount			
Reverse repurchase agreements	\$ 125,188	\$ -	\$ 125,188	\$	(124,426)	\$	-	\$	762			
Repurchase agreements	266,700	-	266,700		(266,700)		-		-			

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts reflect fair value of underlying collateral.

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The following table presents the remaining contractual maturities of repurchase agreements accounted for as secured borrowings at June 30, 2017:

	June 30, 2017											
	Remaining Contractual Maturity of the Agreements											
		rnight and ntinuous	τ	Jp to 30 <u>days</u>	30-9	0 days	tl	reater nan 90 <u>days</u>		<u>Total</u>		
Repurchase agreements												
U.S. Treasury and agency securities	\$	49,909	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	49,909		
Asset-backed securities		-		216,791		-		-		216,791		
Total borrowings	\$	49,909	\$	216,791	\$	-	\$	-	\$	266,700		
Gross amount of recognized liabilities for		\$	266,700									
Amount related to agreements not include		\$	-									

### 10. Short-Term Borrowings

### **Uncommitted lines of credit**

The Company has credit arrangements with commercial banks, which include broker loan lines up to \$725,000. These lines of credit are used primarily to finance securities owned, securities held for correspondent broker/dealer accounts, receivables in customers' margin accounts and underwriting activities. These lines may also be used to release pledged collateral against day loans. These credit arrangements are provided on an "as offered" basis and are not committed lines of credit. These arrangements can be terminated at any time by the lender. Any outstanding balances under these credit arrangements are due on demand and bear interest at rates indexed to the federal funds rate (1.06% at June 30, 2017). At June 30, 2017, the amount outstanding under these secured arrangements was \$201,000, which was collateralized by securities held for firm and correspondent broker/dealer accounts valued at \$354,093.

### **Committed lines of credit**

At June 30, 2017, the Company had a \$50,000 committed revolving credit facility with an unaffiliated bank. The commitment fee is 25 basis points per annum, and when drawn, the interest rate is equal to the federal funds rate plus 100 basis points. The agreement requires the Company to maintain a tangible net worth of at least \$170,000. At June 30, 2017, there were no outstanding amounts under the committed revolving credit facility.

The Company pledges customer securities to the Option Clearing Corporation to support open customer positions. At June 30, 2017, the Company had pledged \$96,572 to support these open customer positions.

### 11. Note Payable Due to Affiliate & Subordinated Debt Due to Affiliate

At the close of business on January 22, 2016, the Company entered into an agreement with First Southwest Holdings LLC for a non collateralized, 10 year, \$88,127 promissory note paying interest semi-annually at a rate of 5% per annum and a \$42,000 subordinated loan agreement with Securities Holdings paying interest semi-annually at a rate of 4.35% per annum. Both the agreements were entered into as

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part of the merger of First Southwest Company, LLC with the Company. At June 30, 2017, there was \$126,527 outstanding under these agreements.

#### 12. Income Taxes

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities at June 30, 2017 are presented below:

Deferred tax assets:	
Compensation and benefits	\$ 20,446
Legal and other reserves	8,283
Realized built-in loss carryforward	4,066
Deferred income	3,598
Other	701
Total gross deferred tax asset	37,094
Deferred tax liabilities:	
Intangible assets	(3,386)
Other	(1,851)
Total gross deferred tax liability	(5,237)
Net deferred tax asset included in other assets	\$ 31,857

The Company assesses the ability to realize its deferred tax assets based upon the weight of available evidence, both positive and negative. To the extent the Company believes that it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized, the Company will establish a valuation allowance. The Company evaluated the realizability of its deferred tax assets and concluded, based on the Company's past history of profitability and future earnings projections, that a valuation allowance was not required.

At June 30, 2017, the Company had recognized built-in losses ("RBIL") of \$4,066 from the 2015 merger with the Parent. At June 30, 2017, the Company had net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards for State income tax purposes of \$916. These net operating loss carryforwards expire in 2030 and later years. The RBILs and NOLs are expected to be fully realized prior to any expiration.

At June 30, 2017, the total amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits was \$292, if recognized, and the total amount that would favorably impact the Company's effective tax rate was \$190. The aggregate changes in gross unrecognized tax benefits, which exclude interest and penalties, are as follows:

Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ 281
Increases related to tax positions taken during the current year	11
Balance at June 30, 2017	\$ 292

With limited exception, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state or local tax audits by taxing authorities for years preceding 2013.

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The amount of current federal taxes payable to the Parent included in other liabilities on the Statement of Financial Condition was \$1,414 at June 30, 2017. The amount of current state taxes receivable from the Parent included in other assets on the Statement of Financial Condition was \$391 at June 30, 2017.

### 13. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (the "Rule"), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. The Company has elected to use the alternative method, permitted by the Rule, which requires that it maintain minimum net capital, as defined in Rule 15c3-1 under the Exchange Act, equal to the greater of \$1,000 or 2% of aggregate debit balances, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 15c3-3. At June 30, 2017, the Company had net capital of approximately \$168,071 which is approximately \$157,784 in excess of its minimum net capital requirement of approximately \$10,287 at that date. Additionally, the Rule provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if resulting net capital would be less than 5% of aggregate debit items. At June 30, 2017, the Company had net capital of approximately \$142,354 in excess of 5% of aggregate debit items.

### 14. Affiliate Transactions

The Company clears all customer transactions for HTIN, an affiliate. The Company also provides all accounting, administrative services, management services and office facilities to HTIN in accordance with an expense sharing agreement in the amount of \$50 per year.

The Company, as clearing broker for its affiliate, has the right to charge customer losses back to the affiliate.

Clients and correspondents of the Company have the option to invest in a savings account called Bank Insured Deposits at the Company's banking affiliate, PlainsCapital Bank ("Bank"). These funds are FDIC insured up to \$250.

The Company makes loans to employees, primarily financial advisors, mainly for recruiting and retention purposes. The amount of loans to employees is included in other assets in the Statement of Financial Condition in the amount of \$20,438 for which the Company has recorded an allowance, included in other liabilities in the Statement of Financial Condition, of \$2,050 for terminated relationships.

The Company is named as the lessee for two leases which are subleased to the Bank. Additionally, the Company subleases office space and utilizes space in a property owned by the Bank for its business recovery centers.

The Company has various expense sharing arrangements with the Parent, Securities Holdings and other subsidiaries of the Parent. These expense sharing agreements outline the types of expenses that will be passed through to the Company, including but not limited to compensation expense, use of Parent assets, and administrative expenses performed by the Parent or subsidiaries of the Parent. On the Statement of Financial Condition, the total receivable includes \$641 from the Bank, \$83 from First Southwest Holdings LLC and its subsidiaries, \$98 from Southwest Insurance Agency and \$13 from the National Lloyds Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Parent. The total payable includes \$8,359 to Securities Holdings, \$4,628 to First Southwest Holdings LLC and its subsidiaries, including \$739, which

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is reported in payable to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations on the Statement of Financial Condition, \$793 to HTIN, including a \$300 clearing deposit, which is reported in payable to clients on the Statement of Financial Condition, \$690 to Southwest Insurance Agency and \$725 to the Parent.

## 15. Commitments and Contingencies

**Leases.** The Company leases its offices and certain equipment under noncancelable operating lease agreements. The Company recognizes escalating lease payments on a straight line basis over the term of each respective lease with the difference between cash payment and rent expense recorded as deferred rent and included in other liabilities in the Statements of Financial Condition. Rental expense relating to the facilities and equipment leases for the six-months ended June 30, 2017 aggregated to \$5,866.

At June 30, 2017, the future rental payments for the noncancelable operating leases for each of the following five years and thereafter follows:

2017	\$ 5,277
2018	10,444
2019	9,804
2020	9,120
2021	5,737
Thereafter	17,169
	\$ 57,551

**Underwriting.** Through its participation in underwriting corporate and municipal securities, the Company could expose itself to material risk that securities the Company has committed to purchase cannot be sold at the initial offering price. Federal and state securities laws and regulations also affect the activities of underwriters and impose substantial potential liabilities for violations in connection with sales of securities by underwriters to the public. At June 30, 2017, the Company had potential liabilities of \$262 due under outstanding underwriting arrangements.

**Litigation.** In the general course of its brokerage business and the business of clearing for other brokerage firms, the Company has been named as a defendant in various lawsuits and arbitration proceedings. These claims allege violation of federal and state securities laws among other matters. Management believes that resolution of these claims will not result in any material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

Guarantees. The Company provides representations and warranties to counterparties in connection with a variety of commercial transactions and occasionally indemnifies them against potential losses caused by the breach of those representations and warranties. These indemnifications generally are standard contractual indemnifications and are entered into in the normal course of business. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, the Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under these arrangements and has not recorded any contingent liability in the Statement of Financial Condition for these indemnifications.

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The Company is a member of multiple exchanges and clearinghouses. Under the membership agreements, members are generally required to guarantee the performance of other members. Additionally, if a member becomes unable to satisfy its obligations to the clearinghouse, other members would be required to meet shortfalls. To mitigate these performance risks, the exchanges and clearinghouses often require members to post collateral. The Company's maximum potential liability under these arrangements cannot be quantified. However, the potential for the Company to be required to make payments under these arrangements is unlikely. Accordingly, no contingent liability is recorded in the Statement of Financial Condition for these arrangements.

### 16. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Risk

In the normal course of business, the Company engages in activities involving the execution, settlement and financing of various securities transactions. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance-sheet credit and market risks in the event the customer or counterparty is unable to fulfill its contractual obligation. Such risks may be increased by volatile trading markets.

As part of its normal brokerage activities, the Company sells securities not yet purchased (short sales) for its own account. The establishment of short positions exposes the Company to market risk if prices increase, as the Company may be obligated to acquire the securities at prevailing market prices.

The Company seeks to control the risks associated with its customers' activities, including those of customer accounts of its correspondents for which it provides clearing services, by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines. The required margin levels are monitored daily and, pursuant to such guidelines, customers are required to deposit additional collateral or to reduce positions when necessary.

A portion of the Company's customer activity involves short sales and the writing of option contracts. Such transactions may require the Company to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices in order to fulfill the customers' obligations.

At times, the Company lends money using reverse repurchase agreements. These positions are collateralized by U.S. government and government agency securities. Such transactions may expose the Company to off-balance-sheet risk in the event such borrowers do not repay the loans and the value of collateral held is less than that of the underlying receivable. These agreements provide the Company with the right to maintain the relationship between market value of the collateral and the receivable.

The Company arranges secured financing by pledging securities owned and unpaid customer securities for short-term borrowings to satisfy margin deposits of clearing organizations. The Company also actively participates in the borrowing and lending of securities. In the event the counterparty in these and other securities loaned transactions is unable to return such securities pledged or borrowed or to repay the deposit placed with them, the Company may be exposed to the risks of acquiring the securities at prevailing market prices or holding collateral possessing a market value less than that of the related pledged securities. The Company seeks to control the risks by monitoring the market value of securities pledged and requiring adjustments of collateral levels where necessary.

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### 17. Preferred Stock

On October 17, 1997, the Company's Board of Directors ("Board") authorized 100,000 shares of preferred stock. Simultaneously, the Board designated 5,000 shares of the authorized preferred stock as Series A Preferred Stock. Up to 50 shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, which has a par value of \$20, can be issued to each of up to 100 qualified participants. Qualified participants are broker/dealers registered under the Exchange Act who clear their proprietary transactions through the Company and who represent that they are subject to net capital rules of the SEC and other self-regulatory organizations to which such broker/dealers report. The Series A Preferred Stock is nonvoting and nonconvertible to common stock, and it is entitled to noncumulative cash dividends when, as and if declared by the Board. The Series A Preferred Stock is redeemable at any time by the Company at a redemption price of \$1,000 per share.

## 18. Proprietary Accounts of Broker/Dealers ("PAB") Reserve Requirements

The Company performs calculations of PAB reserve requirements. At June 30, 2017, the Company did not have a PAB reserve requirement and has no amount on deposit.