



Hilltop Securities Inc.

**Statement of Financial Condition
For the Six-months Ended June 30, 2025**

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June 30, 2025
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(dollars in thousands, except par and redemption values)

Assets

| | | |
|--|----|------------------|
| Cash | \$ | 27,492 |
| Assets segregated for regulatory purposes | | 47,158 |
| Receivable from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations | | 1,643,389 |
| Receivable from clients, net of allowance for credit losses of \$19 | | 229,184 |
| Securities owned, at fair value | | 667,100 |
| Securities purchased under agreements to resell | | 93,878 |
| Goodwill | | 7,008 |
| Customer intangibles, net of accumulated amortization of \$16,244 | | 556 |
| Operating lease right-of-use assets | | 35,671 |
| Fixed assets, at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$44,406 | | 16,293 |
| Deferred tax asset, net | | 8,290 |
| Other assets and receivables, net of allowance for credit losses of \$1,921 (including \$7,904 due from affiliates) | | 76,724 |
| Total assets | \$ | <u>2,852,743</u> |

Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity

| | | |
|---|----|------------------|
| Short-term borrowings | \$ | 59,000 |
| Payable to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations (including \$1,457 due to affiliate) | | 1,463,142 |
| Payable to clients (including \$404 clearing deposit due to affiliates) | | 221,065 |
| Drafts payable | | 7,686 |
| Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value | | 59,766 |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase | | 233,194 |
| Commercial paper | | 244,228 |
| Notes payable due to affiliate | | 18,750 |
| Operating lease liabilities | | 46,318 |
| Subordinated debt due to affiliate | | 42,000 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities (including \$27,476 due to affiliates) | | 107,212 |
| Total liabilities | | <u>2,502,361</u> |

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 | | 301,387 |
| Retained earnings | | 48,992 |
| Total stockholder's equity | | <u>350,382</u> |
| Total liabilities and stockholder's equity | \$ | <u>2,852,743</u> |

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"), is a New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") member broker-dealer, a registered investment advisor, a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). 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").

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Securities Transactions

Proprietary securities transactions are recorded on trade date. Clients' securities and commodities transactions are reported on a settlement 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 net receivable or payable arising from unsettled trades is reflected in receivable from or payable to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations in the statement of financial condition.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets are comprised of furniture and equipment (\$7,074) and leasehold improvements (\$9,219) which are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. 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 eleven 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.

Goodwill and Customer Intangibles

Goodwill represents the excess of cost over the fair value of the net assets acquired. The Company performs required annual impairment tests of its goodwill as of October 1st. The goodwill impairment test requires the Company to make judgments in determining what assumptions to use in the calculation. The process consists of estimating the fair value of the Company based on valuation techniques, including a discounted cash flow model using revenue and profit forecasts and recent industry transactions and trading multiples of the Company's peers, and comparing those estimated fair values with the carrying values of the assets and liabilities of the Company, which includes goodwill. If the estimated fair value is less than the carrying value, the Company recognizes an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the Company's fair value; however, the loss recognized will not exceed the total amount of goodwill recorded.

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At October 1, 2024, the Company determined that the estimated fair value of the Company exceeded its carrying value. As a result, the Company concluded that the Company's goodwill was not impaired.

The Company has a customer relationship intangible as part of the merger of SWS Group, Inc., the former parent of the Company, with the Parent in January 2015, which is being amortized over a 14 year period, at a rate based on the sum of the year's digits.

The Company determined that no impairment for the Company's intangible asset was necessary during the year ended June 30, 2025.

To the extent the future operating performance of the Company remains challenged and below forecasted projections during 2025, significant assumptions such as expected future cash flows or the risk-adjusted discount rate used to estimate fair value are adversely impacted, or upon the occurrence of what management would deem to be a triggering event that could, under certain circumstances, cause the Company to perform impairment tests on its goodwill and other intangible asset, an impairment charge may be recorded for that period.

While certain valuation assumptions and judgments may change to account for operating performance of the Company and overall economic conditions, the Company does not anticipate significant changes in methodology used to determine the fair value of its goodwill, intangible asset and other long-lived assets. The Company will continue to monitor developments regarding future operating performance, overall economic conditions, market capitalization, and any other triggering events or circumstances that may indicate an impairment in the future.

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.

Leases

The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Operating leases with a term of greater than one year are included in operating lease right-of-use ("ROU") assets and operating lease liabilities on the Company's statement of financial condition. The Company has lease agreements with lease and non-lease components, which are generally accounted for as a single lease component. Leases of low-value assets are assessed on a lease-by-lease basis to determine the need for statement of financial condition capitalization.

ROU assets represent the Company's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent its obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized on the lease commencement date based on the present value of lease

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payments over the lease term. As most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company uses the incremental borrowing rate commensurate with the lease term based on the information available at the lease commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. No significant judgments or assumptions were involved in developing the estimated operating lease liabilities as the Company's operating lease liabilities largely represent the future rental expenses associated with operating leases, and the incremental borrowing rates are based on publicly available interest rates. The operating lease ROU asset also includes any lease payments made and excludes lease incentives. The Company's lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease. These options to extend or terminate are assessed on a lease-by-lease basis, and the ROU assets and lease liabilities are adjusted when it is reasonably certain that an option will be exercised.

The Company has subleases with the Parent and its' subsidiaries, which are accounted for as operating leases.

Internal Use Software

The Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2018-15 aligns the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is a service contract with the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred to develop or obtain internal-use software (and hosting arrangements that include internal-use software licenses). The Company's service contracts in a cloud computing arrangement (hosting arrangement) are capitalized according to policy, amortized over the term of the hosting arrangement and included in the statement of financial condition in other assets.

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.

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

Cash Flow Reporting

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

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\$250. At June 30, 2025, the cash balances included \$26,493 that was not federally insured because they exceeded federal insurance limits. This at-risk amount is subject to fluctuation on a daily basis.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses various derivative financial instruments to mitigate interest rate risk. The Company uses forward commitments to both purchase and sell mortgage backed securities to facilitate customer transactions and as a means to hedge related exposure to interest rate risk in certain inventory positions. Additionally, the Company uses U.S. treasury bond and interest rate futures related contracts, credit default swaps and municipal market data (“MMD”) rate locks to hedge changes in the fair value of its securities.

Derivative financial instruments arise from the execution of forward purchase commitments of mortgage-backed securities with certain clients, which 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 expected 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 project the fallout rate.

While the forward purchase commitments, TBAs, and U.S. treasury bonds and interest rate futures contracts, credit default swaps and MMD rate locks meet the definition of a derivative under the provisions of FASB’s Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 815 “*Derivatives and Hedging*,” they do not qualify for hedge accounting. These derivative securities are carried at fair value and recorded in other assets and other liabilities in the statement of financial condition.

Certain financial instruments, including resale and repurchase agreements, securities lending arrangements and derivatives, may be eligible for offset in the statement of financial condition and/or subject to master netting arrangements or similar agreements. The Company generally enters into master netting agreements and collateral agreements with its counterparties. These agreements provide the Company with the right, in the event of a default by the counterparty, to net a counterparty’s rights and obligations under the agreement, and to liquidate and set off collateral against any net amount owed by the counterparty. The Company presents required disclosures related to collateral and derivative positions on a gross basis.

Derivative contracts expose the Company to credit risk, the risk that derivative counterparties may fail to meet their payment obligations under the derivative contracts and the collateral, if any, held by the Company proves to be of insufficient value to cover the payment obligation. While derivative receivables expose the Company to credit risk, derivative payables expose the Company to liquidity risk, as the derivative contracts typically require the Company to post cash or securities collateral with counterparties as the fair value of the contracts move in the counterparties’ favor.

Income Taxes

The Company files consolidated federal return and combined state income tax returns with its Parent, including its taxable income or losses in the Parent’s returns. Under a written tax-share agreement, the Parent collects from or refunds to the Company federal and state income taxes determined as if the Company filed separate income tax returns. The Company generally settles with the Parent on a quarterly basis for federal and unitary state income tax estimated payments, yearly for the tax provision and yearly

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when the federal and unitary state tax returns are finalized. In certain states, the Company pays and files on a separate company basis.

For purposes of this financial statement, 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.

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.

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09 to improve disclosures and presentation requirements to the transparency of the income tax disclosures by requiring consistent categories and greater disaggregation of information in the rate reconciliation and income taxes paid disaggregated by jurisdiction. The amendments are effective in annual periods beginning after December 15, 2024, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the provisions of the amendments, which are not expected to have an impact on its financial condition. The Company expects to adopt this guidance in its Annual Report on Form X-17A-5 for the year ending December 31, 2025.

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.

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- 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 derivative securities and interest rate swaps. 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.

Recurring basis:

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 and Derivatives (which are included in other assets and other liabilities on the statement of financial condition).

Securities classified as Level 1 securities primarily consist of financial instruments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets such as U.S. government and government agency obligations primarily in U.S. treasury securities.

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, certificates of deposit and the Company's derivative securities.

Non-recurring basis:

The following methods and assumptions are typically used in estimating the fair value disclosures for financial instruments:

Cash — For cash, the carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value.

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Assets Segregated for Regulatory Purposes — Assets segregated for regulatory purposes may consist of cash and securities with carrying amounts that approximate fair value.

Broker-Dealer and Clearing Organization Receivables and Payables — The carrying amount approximates their fair value.

Client Receivables and Payables — The carrying amount approximates their fair value.

Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase — Securities purchased under agreements to resell are carried at the amounts at which the securities will subsequently be resold as specified in the agreements. Securities sold under repurchase agreements are reflected at the amount of cash received in connection with the transactions. The carrying amounts approximate fair value due to their short-term nature.

Other Assets and Receivables - The carrying amounts of other assets and receivables approximate their fair values.

Drafts Payable — The carrying amounts approximate their fair values.

Commercial Paper — The carrying amounts approximate fair value due to their short-term nature.

Note Payable Due to Affiliate — The fair values are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis based on current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

Subordinated Debt Due to Affiliate — The carrying amounts approximate fair value. The subordinated debt has no maturity date and may be paid at any time by the Company.

Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities - The carrying amounts of accrued expenses and other liabilities approximate their fair values.

Allowance for Credit Losses

FASB's ASC 326 "*Financial Instruments-Credit Loss*" ("CECL") sets forth a "current expected credit loss" model that requires entities to measure all credit losses expected over the life of an exposure (or pool of exposures) for financial instruments held at the reporting date based on historical experience, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts.

Receivable from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations

The Company utilizes the collateral maintenance practical expedient for the broker-dealer and clearing organizations accounts that are included in the "receivable from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations" financial statement line item in the statement of financial condition. The accounts in this financial statement line item, which includes securities borrowed, are fully secured by securities and are appropriately marked-to-market on a daily basis to facilitate collateral movements in accordance with underlying agreements. As a result, no reserve was

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recorded on this balance at June 30, 2025. The Company's receivables from broker-dealers and clearing organizations also include amounts receivable from unsettled trades, including amounts related to futures and options on futures contracts executed on behalf of customers, amounts receivable for securities failed to deliver, accrued interest receivables and cash deposits.

A portion of the Company's trades and contracts are cleared through a clearing organization and settled daily between the clearing organization and the Company. Because of this daily settlement, the amount of unsettled credit exposures is limited to the amount owed the Company for a very short period of time. The Company continually reviews the credit quality of its counterparties and has not experienced a default. As of June 30, 2025, the allowance for credit losses on receivables from broker-dealers and clearing organizations was not material.

Receivables from Clients

The allowance for credit losses for receivables from clients includes the allowance for credit losses for customer margin loan losses and represents management's estimate of the expected credit losses in the company's margin loan portfolio. The margin loan portfolio is monitored daily by Company personnel and is evaluated on an individual basis using the collateral maintenance practical expedient as described in CECL, with any unsecured or partially unsecured account balances at the end of the period reserved at 100%. The collateral maintenance practical expedient allows the Company to compare the fair value of the collateral of each loan as of the reporting date to loan value. The underlying collateral of the loans to customers and correspondents is marked to market daily and any required additional collateral is collected. The allowance for customer margin loan losses represents the amount of unsecured loan balances at the end of the period. The correspondent receivable account represents the net receivable from correspondents for the financing of the correspondent's securities inventory. The receivable is secured by the securities inventory held in custody by the Company.

Securities purchased under agreements to resell

As stated above under *Resale and Repurchase Agreements*, it is the Company's policy to obtain possession of collateral with a fair value equal to or in excess of the principal amount. The collateral is valued daily, and the Company may require counterparties to deposit additional collateral or return collateral pledged when appropriate. As such, the Company evaluated the securities purchased under agreements to resell using the collateral maintenance practical expedient as described in CECL, with any unsecured or partially unsecured account balances at the end of the period reserved at 100%.

Other assets

The primary accounts included in other assets financial statement line item of the statement of financial condition that are subject to CECL are broker notes receivable, public finance services receivables, and various miscellaneous receivable amounts. For the broker notes receivable, the Company estimates the allowance for credit losses by considering credit quality indicators, such as historical recoverability of an outstanding broker note balance from employees that left the Company. As such, management uses a loss rate methodology to determine the required reserve. As of June 30, 2025, the reserves were \$1,521. The broker notes receivable represents advances to new brokers that are hired. The broker notes are amortized on a straight-line basis over a period ranging from 2-6 years. These accounts are reserved at 100% if the broker has terminated

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employment and the advance repayment is in question. Past loss history is used to estimate the reserve required for the actively employed brokers.

For the public finance services receivables and various other smaller accounts grouped in other assets, the amount of unsettled credit exposures is limited to the amount owed the Company for a very short period of time. The Company has not experienced a default with the counterparties. As a result, the reserves are estimated using a loss rate methodology. These reserves totaled \$400. Total CECL reserves included in the other assets financial statement line item on the statement of financial condition totaled \$1,921 at June 30, 2025.

At June 30, 2025, the Company had allowances for credit losses recorded in the statement of financial condition related to the following:

| | <u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2025</u> | <u>Allowance</u> <u>for Credit</u> <u>Losses</u> |
|---|--|---|
| Receivable from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations | \$ 1,643,389 | \$ - |
| Receivable from clients | 229,203 | (19) |
| Securities purchased under agreements to resell | 93,878 | - |
| Other assets: | | |
| Broker notes receivables | 7,663 | (1,521) |
| Public finance receivables | 6,864 | (61) |
| Other | 64,118 | (339) |
| | <u>\$ 2,045,115</u> | <u>\$ (1,940)</u> |

Segments

The Company is engaged in a single line of business as a securities broker-dealer, which generates a majority of its revenues from fees and commissions earned from investment advisory and securities brokerage services. The Company has identified its Chief Executive Officer as the chief operating decision maker (“CODM”), who uses pre-tax income, in order to evaluate segment performance, develop strategy and allocate resources. Additionally, the CODM uses excess net capital, which is not a measure of profit and loss, to ensure capital adequacy. Excess net capital is measured in accordance with SEC Rule 15c3-1 (see **Note 13**) and is reconciled to GAAP measures. The Company’s operations constitute a single operating segment and therefore, a single reportable segment, because the CODM manages the business activities using information of the Company as a whole. Segment asset balances are presented in the statement of financial condition.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of this financial statement 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 statement.

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Subsequent Events

The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events from July 1, 2025 through August 20, 2025, the date of issuance of the financial statement. There were no additional subsequent events that would require recognition and/or disclosure in the financial statement as of June 30, 2025, except as noted below.

On July 4, 2025, legislation referred to as “H.R. 1: One Big Beautiful Bill Act” was signed into law and, among other changes, will modify the tax year in which certain business deductions, primarily depreciation of capital asset additions, are allowed and therefore will influence the time within which income tax payments must be made. While the Company’s initial review indicates the legislated changes will not significantly modify its future effective income tax rate, the Company will continue to monitor for further changes and evaluate the enacted provisions of the new law and potential impacts on its statement of financial condition, as appropriate.

In August 2025, the Company amended the revolving promissory note with the Parent to extend the maturity date to August 29, 2026.

3. Assets Segregated For Regulatory Purposes

At June 30, 2025, the Company held cash of \$47,158 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”).

4. Receivable from and Payable to Brokers, Dealers and Clearing Organizations

At June 30, 2025, the Company had receivable from and payable to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations related to the following:

Receivable:

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Securities borrowed | \$ | 1,436,594 |
| Correspondent broker-dealers | | 105,044 |
| Clearing organizations | | 71,474 |
| Securities failed to deliver | | 17,571 |
| Other | | 12,706 |
| | \$ | <u>1,643,389</u> |

Payable:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Securities loaned | \$ | 1,426,924 |
| Correspondent broker-dealers | | 11,452 |
| Securities failed to receive | | 11,303 |
| Trades in process of settlement, net | | 3,996 |
| Other | | 9,467 |
| | \$ | <u>1,463,142</u> |

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The Company participates in the securities borrowing and lending business by borrowing and lending securities. 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 amounts relating to transactions for these correspondents are included in the receivable from and payable to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations. Securities owned by customers are held as collateral for receivables. At June 30, 2025, the Company held securities as collateral for the receivables from correspondents with an estimated fair value in the amount of \$163,586. Financing of the correspondent proprietary securities transactions is discussed in **Note 10**, Borrowings and Commercial Paper.

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.

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, 2025:

| Description | Gross amounts of recognized assets/ liabilities (2) | Gross amounts offset in the statement of financial condition | Net amounts of assets/liabilities presented in the statement of financial condition | Gross amounts not offset in the statement of financial condition | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------------|---------------|
| | | | | Financial instruments (3) | Cash Collateral | Net Amount |
| Securities borrowed ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 1,436,594 | \$ - | \$ 1,436,594 | \$ (1,378,935) | \$ - | \$ 57,659 |
| Securities loaned | 1,426,924 | - | 1,426,924 | (1,367,861) | - | 59,063 |

⁽¹⁾ The Company repledged \$1,409,081 of securities borrowed in connection with securities lending activities.

⁽²⁾ Securities borrowed and loaned are not presented net on the statement of financial condition.

⁽³⁾ Amounts reflect fair value of underlying collateral.

Securities Lending Activities. 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.

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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.

The following table presents the remaining contractual maturities of securities lending transactions accounted for as secured borrowings at June 30, 2025:

| | Remaining Contractual Maturity of the Agreements | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Overnight and Continuous | Up to 30 days | 30-90 days | Greater than 90 days | Total |
| Securities lending transactions | | | | | |
| Corporate securities | \$ 52 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 52 |
| Equity securities | 1,426,872 | - | - | - | 1,426,872 |
| Total borrowings | \$ 1,426,924 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,426,924 |
| Gross amount of recognized liabilities for securities lending | | | | | \$ 1,426,924 |
| Amount related to agreements not included in offsetting disclosure | | | | | \$ - |

Money Market Programs. The Company offers clients money market investments in a fund family and the ability to sweep excess cash held in their brokerage accounts to invest in a savings account called Bank Insured Deposits at various participating banking institutions, including at the Bank. The amounts held in the money market fund are interest bearing and are covered by the SIPC. Clients' assets are subject to coverage thresholds of a maximum of \$500 per client. The swept cash held in client savings accounts is FDIC insured up to \$250.

At June 30, 2025, \$86,707 and \$1,738,844 of customer funds were invested in a money market fund and in the FDIC insured programs, of which the Bank, held \$550,971, respectively.

The amount of excess cash swept to these investment products is not reported in the statement of financial condition and is not included in the computation for determination of reserve requirement pursuant to

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Rule 15c3-3 as client dollars are the obligations of the respective institutions and the money market fund families and are investment options that represents customer owned securities.

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 \$2,364 and \$47, respectively, at June 30, 2025. Securities owned by customers and noncustomers that collateralize the receivables are not reflected in the accompanying financial statement.

The Company pledges client securities as collateral in conjunction with the Company's securities lending activities. At June 30, 2025, the Company had \$314,276 of client securities under customer margin loans that were available to be pledged, of which the Company had repledged approximately \$17,843 under securities loan agreements.

The Company pays interest on certain customer balances available for reinvestment. The aggregate balance of such funds was approximately \$196,332 at June 30, 2025. During the six-months ended June 30, 2025, the interest rates paid on these balances was 0.75% to 0.80%. While the Company pays interest on these funds at varying rates, the rate paid at June 30, 2025 was 0.75% and the weighted average interest rate paid during the six-months ended June 30, 2025 was 0.79%.

6. Securities Owned and Securities Sold, not yet Purchased

At June 30, 2025, securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, both of which were carried at fair value, included the following:

ASSETS

Securities owned:

| | | |
|--|----|-----------------------|
| U. S. government agencies: | \$ | |
| Bonds | | 29,769 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities | | 105,940 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations | | 88,495 |
| Other | | 48,030 |
| States and political subdivisions | | 333,817 |
| Corporate debt securities | | 39,727 |
| Private-label issuers | | 14,880 |
| Certificates of deposit | | 6,314 |
| Options on U.S. treasury futures | | 128 |
| | \$ | <u><u>667,100</u></u> |

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Securities sold, not yet purchased:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|---------------|
| U. S. treasury securities | \$ | 43,410 |
| Corporate debt securities | | 16,196 |
| Certificates of deposit | | 160 |
| | \$ | <u>59,766</u> |

At June 30, 2025, 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**.

7. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses various derivative financial instruments to mitigate interest rate risk. The Company uses forward commitments to both purchase and sell mortgage backed securities to facilitate customer transactions and as a means to hedge related exposure to interest rate risk in certain inventory positions. Additionally, the Company uses U.S. treasury bond and interest rate futures, credit default swaps and MMD rate locks to hedge changes in the fair value of its securities.

As described in **Note 2**, the Company participates in various hedging activities and at June 30, 2025, the Company's derivative positions associated with these activities are presented below:

| | Notional Amount | Estimated Fair Value |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Commitments to purchase TBAs | \$ 1,420,730 | \$ 7,645 |
| Commitments to sell TBAs | 1,149,380 | (9,079) |
| Interest rate swaps | 59,130 | (50) |
| Credit default swaps | 5,000 | (8) |
| U.S. treasury futures and options | 100,520 | - |
| Interest rate and other futures | 7,505 | - |

At June 30, 2025, the Company advanced cash collateral totaling \$3,737 on its U.S. treasury bond and interest rate futures. This amount is included in other assets within the statement of financial condition.

Certain derivative 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 derivative arrangements subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreements with offsetting rights and related collateral amounts at June 30, 2025:

| 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 | Gross amounts not offset in the statement of financial condition | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------------|---------------|
| | | | | Financial instruments | Cash Collateral | Net Amount |
| <u>Assets:</u> | | | | | | |
| Forward mortgage backed securities | | | | | | |
| derivative | \$ 7,874 | \$ - | \$ 7,874 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 7,874 |
| Interest rate swaps | 425 | - | 425 | - | - | 425 |
| <u>Liabilities:</u> | | | | | | |
| Forward mortgage backed securities | | | | | | |
| derivative | \$ 9,308 | \$ - | \$ 9,308 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 9,308 |
| Interest rate swaps | 475 | - | 475 | - | - | 475 |
| Credit default swaps | 8 | - | 8 | - | - | 8 |

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8. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Recurring Basis:

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 derivatives as of June 30, 2025:

| | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | | | |
| Securities owned, at fair value | | | | |
| U. S. government agencies: | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Bonds | - | 29,769 | - | 29,769 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities | - | 105,940 | - | 105,940 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations | - | 88,495 | - | 88,495 |
| Other | - | 48,030 | - | 48,030 |
| States and political subdivisions | - | 333,817 | - | 333,817 |
| Corporate debt securities | - | 39,727 | - | 39,727 |
| Private-label issuers | - | 14,880 | - | 14,880 |
| Certificates of deposit | - | 6,314 | - | 6,314 |
| Options on U.S. treasury futures | - | 128 | - | 128 |
| | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 667,100</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 667,100</u> |
| Derivative financial instruments | | | | |
| Forward mortgage backed securities | \$ - | \$ 7,874 | \$ - | \$ 7,874 |
| Interest rate swaps | - | 425 | - | 425 |
| | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 8,299</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 8,299</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | | | |
| Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value | | | | |
| U. S. treasury securities | \$ 43,410 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 43,410 |
| Corporate debt securities | - | 16,196 | - | 16,196 |
| Certificates of deposit | - | 160 | - | 160 |
| | <u>\$ 43,410</u> | <u>\$ 16,356</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 59,766</u> |
| Derivative financial instruments | | | | |
| Forward mortgage backed securities | \$ - | \$ 9,308 | \$ - | \$ 9,308 |
| Interest rate swaps | - | 475 | - | 475 |
| Credit default swaps | - | 8 | - | 8 |
| | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 9,791</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 9,791</u> |

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Non-Recurring Basis:

The following table presents the carrying values, estimated fair values at June 30, 2025, of financial assets and liabilities, excluding financial instruments that are carried at fair value on a recurring basis, and their classification within the fair value hierarchy:

| | <u>Carrying Value</u> | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <u>FINANCIAL ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 27,492 | \$ 27,492 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 27,492 |
| Assets segregated for regulatory purposes | 47,158 | 47,158 | - | - | 47,158 |
| Receivable from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations | 1,643,389 | 71,474 | 1,571,915 | - | 1,643,389 |
| Receivable from clients, net of allowance for credit losses of \$19 | 229,184 | - | 229,184 | - | 229,184 |
| Securities purchased under agreements to resell | 93,878 | - | 93,878 | - | 93,878 |
| Other assets and receivables | 68,425 | - | 68,425 | - | 68,425 |
| | <u>\$ 2,109,526</u> | <u>\$ 146,124</u> | <u>\$ 1,963,402</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 2,109,526</u> |
| <u>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</u> | | | | | |
| Payable to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations | \$ 1,463,142 | \$ - | \$ 1,463,142 | \$ - | \$ 1,463,142 |
| Payable to clients | 221,065 | - | 221,065 | - | 221,065 |
| Drafts payable | 7,686 | - | 7,686 | - | 7,686 |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 233,194 | - | 233,194 | - | 233,194 |
| Commercial paper | 244,228 | - | 244,228 | - | 244,228 |
| Notes payable due to affiliate | 18,750 | - | 18,750 | - | 18,750 |
| Subordinated debt due to affiliate | 42,000 | - | 42,000 | - | 42,000 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 97,421 | - | 97,421 | - | 97,421 |
| | <u>\$ 2,327,486</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 2,327,486</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 2,327,486</u> |

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

At June 30, 2025, 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 overnight with some maturing up to 90 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.

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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, 2025:

| 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 | Gross amounts not offset in the statement of financial condition | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---|--|-----------------|------------|
| | | | | Financial instruments ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | Cash Collateral | Net Amount |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | \$ 93,878 | \$ - | \$ 93,878 | \$ (93,878) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Repurchase agreements | 233,194 ⁽²⁾ | - | 233,194 | (233,194) ⁽²⁾ | - | - |

⁽¹⁾ Amounts reflect fair value of underlying collateral.

⁽²⁾ \$45,540 transacted with the Bank.

⁽³⁾ The amount of collateral pledged by the Company may exceed the financial liability.

The following table presents the remaining contractual maturities of repurchase agreements accounted for as secured borrowings at June 30, 2025:

| | Remaining Contractual Maturity of the Agreements | | | | |
|--|--|---------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| | Overnight and Continuous | Up to 30 days | 30-90 days | Greater than 90 days | Total |
| Repurchase agreements | | | | | |
| Asset backed securities | \$ 117,089 | \$ 116,105 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 233,194 |
| Total borrowings | \$ 117,089 | \$ 116,105 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 233,194 |
| Gross amount of recognized liabilities for repurchase agreements | | | | | \$ 233,194 |
| Amount related to agreements not included in offsetting disclosure | | | | | \$ - |

10. Borrowings and Commercial Paper

Uncommitted lines of credit

The Company has credit arrangements with commercial banks, which include broker loan lines up to \$425,000. 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

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arrangements are due on demand and bear interest at rates indexed to the federal funds rate (4.33% at June 30, 2025). At June 30, 2025, there was \$59,000 outstanding under these secured arrangements, which were collateralized by securities held for correspondent broker-dealer and firm accounts valued at \$154,757.

Committed lines of credit

At June 30, 2025, the Company had two committed revolving credit facilities with unaffiliated banks totaling \$125,000. When drawn, the interest rate charged on the outstanding amounts is equal to the federal funds rate plus 100 basis points. Both of the agreements require the Company to maintain a tangible net worth of at least \$250,000. At June 30, 2025, there were no outstanding amounts under the committed revolving credit facilities.

The Company pledges customer securities to the Option Clearing Corporation to support open customer positions. At June 30, 2025, the Company had pledged \$76,340 to support these open customer positions.

In August 2021, the Company entered into a revolving promissory note with the Parent to borrow up to \$50,000. This agreement was amended in August 2023 to borrow up to \$35,000. The Company pays an interest rate equal to the prime rate published in *The Wall Street Journal* plus 2.0% per annum on any outstanding borrowings. Additionally, prior to the August 2023 amendment, the Company paid an annual commitment fee of 0.30% per annum, which is payable on a quarterly basis. With the amendment in August, the commitment fee was increased to 0.60% per annum. The revolving promissory note matures in August 2025. At June 30, 2025, there were no amounts outstanding on the revolving promissory note.

Commercial Paper

The Company uses the net proceeds (after deducting related issuance expenses) from the sale of two commercial paper programs for general corporate purposes, including working capital and the funding of a portion of its securities inventories. The commercial paper notes ("CP Notes") may be issued with maturities of 14 days to 270 days from the date of issuance. The CP Notes are issued under two separate programs. The Series 2019-2 CP Notes ("Series 2019-2 CP Notes") are issued in maximum aggregate amounts of \$200 million. The CP Series 2024-1 CP Notes ("Series 2024-1 CP Notes") were initiated in December 2024 with the first issuances under this new program occurring in the first quarter of 2025. With these first issuances, there were no future issuances allowed under the Series 2019-1 CP Notes ("Series 2019-1 CP Notes") program. Until the final maturity of the Series 2019-1 CP Notes, expected in October 2025, the Series 2019-1 and Series 2024-1 CP notes are managed as a single program with a maximum aggregate amount of \$300 million. The CP Notes are not redeemable prior to maturity or subject to voluntary prepayment and do not bear interest, but are sold at a discount to par. The CP Notes are secured by a pledge of collateral owned by the Company, guarantees by the Company, see Note 17 and the maintenance by the Company of a minimum of \$100,000 in excess regulatory net capital. The Company is required to maintain a level of collateral in a control account held by the indenture trustee that exceeds the principal amount of the CP Notes outstanding by a percentage determined by the type of eligible collateral pledged on any business day.

As of June 30, 2025, the weighted average maturity of the CP Notes was 139 days at a rate of 4.96%, with a weighted average remaining life until maturity of 69 days. At June 30, 2025, the amount outstanding

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under these secured arrangements was \$244,228, which was collateralized by securities held for firm accounts valued at \$266,969.

11. Note Payable Due to Affiliate and Subordinated Debt Due to Affiliate

In August 2021, the Company entered into a promissory note agreement with the Parent to borrow \$75,000. The Company pays interest quarterly at a rate of 3.0% per annum. The note matures in August 2026. At June 30, 2025, there was \$18,750 outstanding under this note.

In January 2016, the Company entered into an agreement with First Southwest Holdings LLC for a \$42,000 subordinated loan agreement with Securities Holdings paying interest semi-annually at a rate of 4.35% per annum. The agreement had a scheduled maturity date in January 2021 with automatic one year extensions unless notified by "lender" that the maturity date would not be extended. The agreement was entered into as part of the merger of FSC with the Company. In August of 2018, the subordinated loan with Securities Holdings were contributed to the Parent, with a balance of \$42,000, at the time of the contribution, plus interest to be paid to the Parent. As such, at June 30, 2025, there was \$42,000 outstanding under the subordinated loan agreement.

The subordinated debt is available in computing net capital under the SEC's uniform net capital rule. To the extent that such borrowings are required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, they may not be repaid, unless approved by FINRA.

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, 2025 are presented below:

Deferred tax assets:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------|
| Operating lease liabilities | \$ | 10,209 |
| Compensation and benefits | | 8,288 |
| Reserves | | 5 |
| Other | | 291 |
| Total gross deferred tax asset | | <u>18,793</u> |

Deferred tax liabilities:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Operating lease assets | (7,531) |
| Fixed assets | (2,713) |
| Intangible assets | (127) |
| Other | (132) |
| Total gross deferred tax liability | <u>(10,503)</u> |
| Net deferred tax asset | <u>\$ 8,290</u> |

The Company evaluated the realizability of its deferred tax assets and concluded, based on the Company's history of profitability and future earnings projections, that a valuation allowance was not required.

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Management is required to determine whether a tax position of the Company is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. 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, which could result in the Company recording a tax liability. At June 30, 2025, the total amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits was \$403, if recognized.

The aggregate changes in gross unrecognized tax benefits, which exclude interest and penalties, are as follows:

| | | |
|--|----|------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2024 | \$ | 373 |
| Increases related to tax positions taken during the current year | | 30 |
| Balance at June 30, 2025 | \$ | <u>403</u> |

With limited exception, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal tax examinations for tax years preceding 2022. The Company is open for various state tax examinations for tax years 2021 and later.

The amount of current federal and state taxes receivable from the Parent included in other assets on the statement of financial condition were \$1,537 and \$889, respectively at June 30, 2025.

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 maintains 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. The Company is also subject to the net capital requirements of the CFTC Regulation 1.17 ("Rule 1.17") and the NFA, and is required to maintain "adjusted net capital" equal to or in excess of the greater of \$45 or the amount of net capital required by Rule 15c3-1. At June 30, 2025, the Company had net capital of approximately \$214,075, which is approximately \$207,871 in excess of its minimum net capital requirement of approximately \$6,204 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, 2025, the Company had net capital of approximately \$198,564 in excess of 5% of aggregate debit items.

14. Affiliate Transactions

The Company clears customer transactions for MIN, an affiliate, and the Bank's wealth management business. Based on an agreement with these entities, the Company receives a fee for clearing MIN and Bank trades.

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

The Company provides accounting, administrative services, management services and office facilities to MIN, Hilltop Securities Asset Management ("HSAM") and Hilltop Securities Insurance Agency Inc.

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(“HSIA”), an affiliate of the Company, in accordance with expense sharing agreements, (“Agreements”). Under the Agreements, the Parent processes invoices and the Company pays expenses on behalf of MIN, HSAM and HSIA. Under informal agreements, the Company collects revenues and processes receipts on behalf of MIN, HSAM and HSIA. The net effects of these transactions are recorded in either receivable from or payable to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations and other assets or liabilities, respectively, on the statement of financial condition. In accordance with the agreements, net intercompany amounts are settled periodically with the Company and the Parent.

The Company receives insurance fees from third-party insurance carriers for sales of insurance products facilitated by HSIA at no cost to the Company. This entity holds insurance agency licenses to facilitate the sale of insurance and annuity products. The Company retains no underwriting risk related to the insurance and annuity products sold.

Clients and correspondents of the Company have the option to invest in a savings account at the Bank, (Note 4).

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 \$7,663. The Company has recorded an allowance for credit losses, included in other assets in the statement of financial condition, of \$1,521. See discussion of the Company’s CECL considerations in Note 2.

Securities Holdings loaned the Company \$42,000 as part of a merger transaction between the Company and FSC. In August of 2018, the subordinated loan was contributed to the Parent. The Company paid interest at a rate of 4.35% per annum. Additionally, the Company entered into a promissory note agreement and a revolving promissory note with the Parent to borrow \$75,000 and up to \$50,000, respectively. The agreement was amended in August 2023 to borrow up to \$35,000. The Company paid interest at a rate of 3.0% per annum on the promissory note agreement and an interest rate equal to the prime rate published in *The Wall Street Journal* plus 2.0% per annum on any outstanding borrowings of the revolving promissory note. Additionally, prior to the August 2023 amendment, the Company paid an annual commitment fee of 0.30% per annum. With the amendment in August, the annual commitment fee was increased to 0.60% per annum (see Note 10 & Note 11).

At June 30, 2025, the Company had \$45,540 repurchase agreement with the Bank. During the year ended June 30, 2025, the Company paid interest of \$1,271 on these transactions (see Note 9).

The Company has informal agreements with First Southwest Holdings LLC and its subsidiaries, except HSAM, as discussed above. According to these agreements, the Company acts as collecting and paying agent for certain revenues and expenses of these affiliated entities. No fees are earned by the Company for providing these services. Amounts due to and from the affiliates are settled periodically through intercompany accounts.

On the statement of financial condition, the total receivable includes \$4,246 from First Southwest Holdings LLC and FSC Asset Administrator, LLC, a subsidiary of First Southwest Holdings LLC, \$2,089 from HSIA, and \$1,569 from the Bank. The total payable includes \$14,494 to HSAM and \$456 to First Southwest Leasing company, subsidiaries of First Southwest Holdings LLC, \$9,921 to Securities

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Holdings, \$2,605 to the Parent, \$1,457 to MIN, which is reported in payable to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations on the statement of financial condition, and a \$300 clearing deposit to MIN and a \$104 clearing deposit to the Bank, which are reported in payable to clients on the statement of financial condition.

15. Employee Benefits

The Parent has a defined contribution retirement plan pursuant to Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”) whereby eligible participants may elect to contribute a percentage of their compensation up to a maximum allowed under the Code. In addition, the plan also provides for a matching contribution by the Company based on a percentage of participants’ contributions. The Company’s matching contributions vest in three equal annual installments.

Since 2012, the Parent has issued stock-based incentive awards pursuant to the Hilltop Holdings Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2012 Plan”). In July 2020, pursuant to stockholders’ approval, the Company adopted the Hilltop Holdings Inc. 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2020” Plan). The 2020 plan serves as successor to the 2012 Plan. The 2012 Plan and the 2020 Plan are referred to collectively as “the Equity Plans.” The Equity Plans provide for the grant of nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, (“RSUs”), performance awards, dividend equivalent rights and other awards to employees of the Parent, its subsidiaries and outside directors of the Parent. Shares available for grant under the 2012 Plan that were reserved but not issued as of the effective date of the 2020 Plan were added to the reserves of the 2020 Plan. No additional awards may be made under the 2012 Plan, but the 2012 Plan remains in effect as to outstanding awards. Outstanding awards under the Equity Plans continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of the respective plans. The number of shares authorized for issuance pursuant to awards under the 2020 Plan is 3,650,000 plus any shares that become available upon the forfeiture, expiration, cancellation or settlement in cash awards outstanding under the 2012 Plan as of April 30, 2020.

Upon vesting of the shares granted under the Parent’s restricted stock plans, the grantees may choose to sell a portion of their vested shares to the Parent to cover the tax liabilities arising from the vesting.

In July 2020, pursuant to stockholders’ approval, the Parent adopted the Hilltop Holdings Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “ESPP”) to provide a means for eligible employees of the Company to purchase shares of the Parent’s common stock at a discounted price by accumulating funds, normally through payroll deductions and is intended to qualify under Section 423 of the Code.

Participating employees may purchase shares of common stock at 90% of the fair market value on the last day of each quarterly offering period. The initial offering period commenced on January 1, 2021.

16. Leases

The Company leases space, primarily for corporate offices, branch facilities and certain equipment under operating lease agreements. Certain of the Company’s leases have options to extend, with the longest extension option being ten years, and some of the Company’s leases include options to terminate within one year. The Company’s leases contain customary restrictions and covenants. The Company has certain

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intercompany leases and subleases with the Parent's other subsidiaries and are reflected in the table and information presented below.

The Company had cash payments for operating leases of \$4,307 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

The Company's weighted average remaining lease term and weighted average discount rate as of June 30, 2025 were 6 years and 5.4%, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments under the leasing standard as of June 30, 2025 are presented below:

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|---|----|---------|
| 2025 | \$ | 5,055 |
| 2026 | | 10,349 |
| 2027 | | 9,594 |
| 2028 | | 8,056 |
| 2029 | | 7,147 |
| Thereafter | | 14,478 |
| Total Minimum lease payments | \$ | 54,679 |
| Amount representing interest | | (8,361) |
| Present value of minimum lease payments | \$ | 46,318 |

17. Commitments and Contingencies

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, 2025, the Company had \$16,613 due under outstanding underwriting arrangements.

Litigation. The Company may be involved, in the normal course of business, in legal, regulatory and arbitration proceedings concerning matters arising in connection with the conduct of its operations. These include proceedings specific to the Company, as well as proceedings generally applicable to business practices in the industries in which it operates. Uncertain economic conditions, volatility in the financial markets, and significant recently enacted financial reform legislation may increase the likelihood that clients and other persons or regulators may present or threaten legal claims or that regulators increase the scope or frequency of examinations of the Company or the financial services industry generally.

As with other financial services firms, the level of regulatory activity and inquiry concerning the Company's businesses remains elevated. From time to time, the Company receives requests for information from, and/or has been subject to examination or claims by, the SEC, the FINRA, and other governmental and quasi-governmental authorities concerning the Company's business activities and practices. These legal and regulatory inquiries, proceedings and potential disputes are subject to uncertainties and, as such, the Company is unable to predict the ultimate resolution or range of loss that may result. In accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Company establishes an accrued

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liability for contingent litigation and regulatory matters when those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and can be reasonably estimated. In such cases, there still may be an exposure to loss in excess of any amounts reasonably estimated and accrued. When a loss contingency is not both probable and estimable, the Company does not establish an accrued liability, but continues to monitor, in conjunction with any outside counsel handling a matter, further developments that would make such loss contingency both probable and reasonably estimable. Once the Company establishes an accrued liability with respect to a loss contingency, the Company continues to monitor the matter for further developments that could affect the amount of the accrued liability that has been previously established, and any appropriate adjustments are made each quarter.

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. The Company's customer securities activities are transacted on a delivery versus payment, cash or margin basis. In delivery versus payment transactions, the Company is exposed to risk of loss in the event of the customers' or brokers' inability to meet the terms of their contracts. In margin transactions, the Company extends credit to clients collateralized by cash and securities in their account. In the event the customers or brokers fail to satisfy their obligations, the Company may be required to purchase or sell securities at prevailing market prices in order to fulfill the obligations. The Company's exposure to credit risk can be directly impacted by volatile securities markets, which may impair the ability of counterparties to satisfy their contractual obligations. The Company seeks to control its credit risk through a variety of reporting and control procedures, including establishing credit limits based upon a review of the customers' financial condition and credit ratings. The Company seeks to control the risk associated with its customer margin transactions by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines.

The Company also monitors required margin levels daily and, pursuant to its guidelines, requires customers to deposit additional collateral, or reduce positions, when necessary. 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 financial statement for these indemnifications.

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 financial statement for these arrangements.

18. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Risk

In the normal course of business, the Company executes, settles and finances various securities transactions that may expose the Company to off-balance sheet risk in the event that a customer or counterparty does not fulfill its contractual obligations. Examples of such transactions include the sale of

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securities not yet purchased by customers or for the account of the Company, use of derivatives to support certain non-profit housing organization clients, clearing agreements between the Company and various clearinghouses and broker-dealers, secured financing arrangements that involve pledged securities, and when-issued underwriting and purchase commitments.

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.

19. 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.

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20. Proprietary Accounts of Broker-Dealers (“PAB”) Reserve Requirements

The Company performs calculations of PAB reserve requirements in accordance with SEC Rule 15c3-3. At June 30, 2025, the Company did not have a PAB reserve requirement and has no amount on deposit.