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Statement of Financial Condition Pursuant to Rule 17A-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 December 31, 2009

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Members of eBX LLC d/b/a LEVEL ATS

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of eBX LLC d/b/a LEVEL ATS (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009, that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of eBX LLC d/b/a LEVEL ATS as of December 31, 2009, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Rottstein, Kass x Company, P.C.

Roseland, New Jersey February 22, 2010

# Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2009

Assets Cash and cash equivalents Commissions receivable Fixed assets (net of accumulated depreciation of \$67,775) Prepaid expenses and other assets Total assets	\$ 6,899,760 1,763,890 126,514 444,595 \$ 9,234,759
Liabilities and Members' Equity Accounts payable and accrued expenses Due clearing broker Total liabilities	
Members' equity  Total liabilities and members' equity	8,004,537 \$ 9,234,759

## Notes to Financial Statement December 31, 2009

#### 1. Nature of operations

eBX LLC d/b/a LEVEL ATS (the "Company") is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

The Company operates an alternative trading system ("ATS") creating an electronic matching system for US equity securities. The Company's customers are primarily other broker-dealers. The Company executes and clears all transactions on a fully disclosed basis through an affiliate of one of its members. Equity members in the Company include Credit Suisse First Boston Next Fund, Inc., Citigroup Financial Products, Inc., Fidelity Global Brokerage Group, Inc., LB 1 Group, Inc. and Merrill Lynch LP Holdings, Inc.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of presentation**

These financial statements were prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

These financial statements were approved by management and available for issuance on February 22, 2010 Subsequent events have been evaluated through this date.

#### Commission revenue and clearing costs

All commission revenues and clearing costs are recorded on a trade date basis.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers its investments in money market accounts to be cash equivalents. All cash deposits are held by one financial institution and therefore are subject to the credit risk at that financial institution. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe there to be any significant credit risk with respect to these deposits.

#### **Fixed assets**

Fixed assets are recorded at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, which is calculated on a straight-line basis over estimated useful lives of three to seven years. Leasehold improvements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### **Income taxes**

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

In accordance with GAAP, 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. De-recognition of

## Notes to Financial Statement December 31, 2009

a tax benefit previously recognized could result in the Company recording a tax liability that would reduce net assets. This policy also provides guidance on thresholds, measurement, de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition that is intended to provide better financial statement comparability among different entities. Generally the Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations by major taxing authorities for years before 2006. Based on its analysis, Management has determined that the adoption of this policy did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements upon adoption. However, Management's conclusions regarding this policy may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, on-going analyses of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. The Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties, if assessed. No interest expense or penalties have been assessed for the year ended December 31, 2009.

#### 3. Transactions with related parties

Amounts due clearing broker have been netted with any deposit that the clearing firm may hold. Additionally, the Company has a required deposit of \$100,000 and incurs a monthly minimum clearing fee paid to the clearing firm in accordance with the Correspondent Clearing Agreement. The clearing broker is an affiliate of one of the members of the Company.

The Company earned approximately \$4,462,000 or 36% of commission income from all of its members and the members' affiliates during 2009. At December 31, 2009, approximately \$624,000 remains uncollected and is included in commissions receivable in the accompanying Statement of Financial Condition.

All transactions with related parties are settled in the normal course of business. The terms of any of these arrangements may not be the same as those that would otherwise exist or result from agreements and transactions among unrelated parties.

#### 4. Fixed assets

#### Fixed assets at December 31, 2009 consists of:

Computer equipment and software	\$	174,773
Furniture and fixtures		14,651
Leasehold improvement		4,865_
1		194,289
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(67,775)
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		126,514

Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2009 was approximately \$42,000.

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#### 5. Regulatory requirements

The Company is subject to SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2009, the Company had net capital of approximately \$6,688,000 which exceeded the required net capital by approximately \$6,606,000. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, at December 31, 2009 was .18 to 1.

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as the Company's activities are limited to clearing all transactions with and for customers on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing broker.

#### 6. Commitments

The Company leases office space under a non-cancellable lease agreement. At December 31, 2009, the annual minimum payments under this agreement are approximately as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Total ar Ending December 31, Commitm	
2010 2011 2012 2013	\$	84,000 86,000 89,000 8,000
2010	\$	267,000

The lease has provisions for escalations. The Company also has a security deposit of \$14,663 which is included in other assets in the accompanying Statement of Financial Condition. Rent expense for the year end December 31, 2009 was approximately \$69,000.

#### 7. Concentration

The Company currently utilizes a single vendor to maintain and support its trading platform. Management is exploring relationships with other vendors in order to bolster a contingency plan for the trading platform in the unlikely event that the vendor no longer exists or that the Company's contract with the vendor is not renewed.

Under the terms of this vendor agreement, expiring on January 1, 2011, the Company's minimum annual fee is \$3,250,000 with additional amounts due based upon the average number of trades.

#### 8. Employee benefits

Eligible employees of the Company are covered under a defined contribution plan. The Company matches 50% of employee contributions to the plan up to a maximum of 3% of eligible compensation. Total expense for the period ended December 31, 2009 was approximately \$12,700 and is included in employee compensation and benefits expense.

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#### 9. Indemnifications

In the normal course of its business, the Company indemnifies its clearing broker against specified potential losses in connection with their acting as an agent of, or providing services to, the Company. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under this indemnification 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 statements for this indemnification.