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A. RE	GISTRANT IDENTIFI	ICATION			
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:					
PARETO SECURITIES INC.			OFFICIAL USE ONLY		
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS	FIRWID, NO.				
150 E	AST 52ND STREET, 29TH	FLOOR			
	(No and Street)		7		
NEW YORK	NY		10022		
(Cnv)	(State)				
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON	TO CONTACT IN REGARI	D TO THIS REPORT			
MR. AUDUN HOEN			(212) 829-4200		
			(Area Code Telephone No.)		
B. ACC	COUNTANT IDENTIF	ICATION			
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose o	pinion is contained in this Rep	port*			
FULVIO & ASSOCIATES, LLP	·				
(Nam	e if individual, state last, first, mide	lle nume )			
5 W. 37th Street, 4th FL	New York	NY	10018		
(Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)		
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	CURITIES INC. , as of
	and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company
	my proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of
a customer, except as follows:	
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(b) Statement of Financial Condition.	
(c) Statement of Income (Loss).	
(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.	
(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Part	tners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to C	Claims of Creditors.
(g) Computation of Net Capital.	
(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirem	nents Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
(i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Rec	quirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
(i) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation,	of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requir	rements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
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(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	
	to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
(o) Exemption report	·

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

## PARETO SECURITIES INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2015

Certified Public Accountants

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholder of Pareto Securities Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Pareto Securities Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements. 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.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in this financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of this financial statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Pareto Securities Inc. as of December 31, 2015 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

New York, New York

February 25, 2016

### PARETO SECURITIES INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### <u>ASSETS</u>

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,838,104
Due from brokers		162,644
Fails to deliver		2,333,517
Receivable from customers		1,262,330
Furniture, equipment and improvements, (net of accumulated		
depreciation and amortization of \$974,734)		245,512
Income tax receivable		1,140,802
Prepaid taxes		158,532
Deferred tax asset		832,922
Security deposits		606,646
Other assets		877,314
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	14,458,323
LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Fails to receive	\$	1,262,330
Payable to customers		2,333,517
Accounts payable and other liabilities		2,232,231
Payable to affiliates		346,723
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,174,801
Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors		3,918,000
Stockholder's Equity:		
Common stock, par value \$1 per share; 500,000 shares		
authorized; 360,000 shares issued and outstanding		360,000
Additional paid-in capital		2,044,054
Accumulated earnings/(deficit)		1,961,468
TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		4,365,522
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$_	14,458,323

#### NOTE 1 BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Business**

Pareto Securities Inc. (F/K/A Nordic Partners, Inc.) (the "Company") was incorporated in October 1997. On June 12, 2009, Pareto Securities AS (the "Stockholder") acquired all the shares of common stock in Nordic Partners, Inc. and changed the Company's name to Pareto Securities, Inc. The Company was registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") in November 1998 and operates as a broker/dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

The business of the Company consists of the purchase and sale of publicly and privately traded Swedish, Finnish, and Norwegian corporate equity and debt securities for U.S. institutional customers. The Company has SEC Rule 15a-6 business agreements in place with Pareto Securities AS in Oslo, Norway, Evli Bank Plc, in Helsinki Finland, Pareto Securities AB, Stockholm Sweden, Pareto Securities Ltd, London and Pareto Securities Pte Ltd, Singapore. They are unregistered foreign broker-dealers who are not members of SIPC.

The Company has clearing agreements with all its clearing agents. Domestic security transactions are cleared and carried through a U.S. clearing agent on a fully-disclosed basis. The U.S. clearing agent also performs record keeping functions and consequently, the Company operates under the (k)(2)(i) exemptive provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3. The Company clears all foreign security transactions through its foreign clearing agents on an RVP/DVP basis. The Company does not hold customer funds or securities.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Securities transactions

Securities transactions and related commission revenue and expenses are recorded on the trade date basis.

#### Fee income

Fee income consists of consulting services and private placement fee income. Fee income and expenses are recorded on the accrual basis of accounting.

### NOTE 1 BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Furniture, equipment, and improvements

Furniture, equipment, and improvements are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over estimated useful lives of three to fifteen years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset or the term of the lease.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

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

#### Income taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes pursuant to the asset and liability method, which requires deferred income tax assets and liabilities to be computed for temporary differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities, that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the temporary differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. The income tax provision is the tax payable or refundable for the period in deferred tax assets and liabilities. The Company has determined that there are no uncertain tax positions which require adjustments or disclosure on the financial statements. The tax years that remain subject to examination by taxing authorities are 2012, 2013 and 2014.

#### Fair value measurement

FASB ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement has no material effect on these financial statements.

#### NOTE 2 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company enters into transactions with its Stockholder and former stockholders in the normal course of business. Included in the financial statements are the following transactions with the Stockholder and the former stockholders as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015:

Subordinated loans (Note 4)

\$ 3,918,000

#### NOTE 2 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

The Company bears foreign currency risk on fee income derived from the Stockholder and the former stockholders.

#### NOTE 3 401(k) PLAN

The Company has a defined contribution 401(k) plan (the "Plan"), with a 100% employer match, covering all eligible employees, as defined.

#### NOTE 4 LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

At December 31, 2015, the Company has subordinated loans with its Stockholder as follows:

Amount	Interest Rate	Date of Original Subordination Agreement	Date Due
\$ 850,000	5%	November 24, 1998	December 31, 2017
850,000	5%	November 24, 1998	December 31, 2017
850,000	5%	December 31, 1998	December 31, 2017
800,000	5%	August 28, 2001	December 31, 2017
568,000	5%	November 1, 2004	December 31, 2017
\$ 3 918 000			

#### <u>\$ 3,918,000</u>

The subordinated borrowings are available in computing net capital under the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (see Note 5). To the extent that such borrowings are required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, they may not be repaid.

#### NOTE 5 NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital, as defined. The Company computes its net capital under the alternative method permitted by the net capital rule, which requires that minimum net capital shall not be less than the greater of \$250,000 or 2% of aggregate debit items arising from customer transactions. At December 31, 2015, the Company has net capital of \$4,421,794, which was \$4,171,794 in excess of its required net capital of \$250,000.

#### NOTE 6 LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Company is leasing premises at 150 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street in New York City under an operating lease agreement that expires on April 30, 2019. The first month of rent under this lease has been abated and is being amortized over the life of the lease. The lease is subject to escalations for the increases in the Company's pro rata share of real estate taxes and other operating expenses.

On September 30, 2014 the Company entered into a lease agreement for 4695 MacArthur Court Suite 1100 Newport Beach, California with the lease commencing on January 20, 2015. The lease will be automatically renewed for another 1.5 year period on June 30, 2016, unless cancelled within 90 days prior to expiration.

On April 7, 2015 the Company entered into a lease agreement for 8 Greenway Plaza, Suite 818 Houston, Texas with the lease commencing on April 6, 2015, expiring April 2018.

The following is a summary of minimum future rental payments under these leases:

Year Ending December 31,	150 E 52 <sup>nd</sup> St. New York, NY		4695 MacArthur Court Eight Greenway Suite 1100 Plaza Newport Beach, CA Houston, TX		a Total		
2016	\$	639,331	\$	11,850	\$ 33,337	\$	684,518
2017		639,331			34,337		673,668
2018		639,331			11,530		650,861
2019		213,110					213,110
Total	\$	2,131,103	\$	11,850	\$ 79,204	\$	2,222,157

The Company had no underwriting commitments, no contingent liabilities and had not been named as defendant in any lawsuit at December 31, 2015 or during the year then ended.

### NOTE 7 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK, AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

In the normal course of business, the Company's securities activities involve the execution, clearance, and settlement of various transactions with its clearing brokers (the principal clearing broker is the Stockholder). These securities activities are transacted on a delivery or receipt versus payment basis and the Company reports such transactions on a trade date basis. The Company is exposed to risk of loss on these securities transactions in the event the counterparty fails to satisfy its obligations in which case the Company may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices in order to fulfill the counter-party's obligations. All transactions that were carried out before December 31, 2015 pending settlement subsequently settled at transacted amounts.

The Company maintains cash deposits with banks and brokers. At times, such deposits exceed applicable insurance limits. The Company reduces its exposure to credit risk by maintaining such deposits with major financial institutions and monitoring their credit ratings.

#### NOTE 8 GUARANTEES

FASB ASC 460, Guarantees, requires the Company to disclose information about its obligations under certain guarantee arrangements. FASB ASC 460 defines guarantees as contracts and indemnification agreements that contingently require a guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on changes in an underlying value (such as an interest or foreign exchange rate, security or commodity price, an index or the occurrence or nonoccurrence of a specified event) related to an asset, liability, or equity security of a guaranteed party. This guidance also defines guarantees as contracts that contingently require the guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on another entity's failure to perform under an agreement, as well as indirect guarantees of the indebtedness of others.

The Company has issued no guarantees effective at December 31, 2015 or during the year then ended, except as described in Note 7 above.

#### NOTE 9 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated and no events have been identified which require disclosure.