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| Raleigh | North Carolina | | 27615 |
| (City) | (State) | | (Zip Code) |
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| INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT | whose opinion is contained | in this Report* | |
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Members of Hatteras Capital Distributors, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Hatteras Capital Distributors, LLC as of December 31, 2015, and the related statement of income, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Hatteras Capital Distributors, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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 financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes 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 statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hatteras Capital Distributors, LLC as of December 31, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental information contained in schedules 1, 2 and 3 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Hatteras Capital Distributors, LLC's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Hatteras Capital Distributors, LLC's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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Goldman & Company, CPA's, P.C. Marietta, Georgia

February 26, 2016

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Condition

| December 31, | | 2015 |
|---|-----------|--|
| Assets Cash Due from affiliate, net Deferred acquisition cost, net Receivable from 12(b)-1 plan Prepaid expenses and other assets | \$ | 2,084,948 10,938 59,607 505,830 43,587 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$</u> | 2,704,910 |
| Liabilities Accrued expenses and accounts payable | _ | 69,250 |
| Total Liabilities | | 69,250 |
| Equity | | 2,635,660 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | <u>s</u> | 2,704,910 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of Income

| Year ended December 31, | | 2015 |
|--|-----------|--|
| Revenues Service fee revenue 12b-1 revenues Other income | \$ | 4,700,746 808,597 16,845 |
| Total revenues | | 5,526,188 |
| Expenses Payroll and related expenses Marketing events and materials Travel, meals and entertainment 12b-1 plan expenses Amortization of deferred acquisition costs Professional fees Regulatory fees and expenses Office expenses Rent Depreciation Sub-distributor fees Other expenses Insurance | _ | 2,396,857 776,867 601,169 464,220 315,720 81,685 81,418 66,98 53,334 33,529 30,757 27,228 19,061 |
| Total expenses | | 4,947,943 |
| Net income | <u>\$</u> | 578,245 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Member's Equity

| | Equity |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Beginning equity, December 31, 2014 Net income Distributions | \$ 2,932,415 578,245 (875,000) |
| Ending equity, December 31, 2015 | <u>\$ 2,635,660</u> |

 $See\ accompanying\ notes\ to\ financial\ statements.$

Statement of Cash Flows

| Year ended December 31, | | 2015 |
|--|-----------|---|
| Operating Activities Net income Amortization of deferred acquisition cost | \$ | 578,245 315,720 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities Change in receivable from 12b-1 plan Change in due from affiliate, net Capitialization of deferred acquisition costs Change in prepaid expenses and other assets Change in accounts payable and accrued expenses | | (292,934) 261,897 (115,327) (17,167) 29,250 |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | | 759,684 |
| Financing Activities Distributions | | (875,000) |
| Net Cash Used in Financing Activities | | (875,000) |
| Net change in cash Cash, beginning of year | | (115,316) 2,200,264 |
| Cash, end of year | <u>\$</u> | 2,084,948 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Business Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

Hatteras Capital Distributors, LLC (the "Company" or "HCD") was organized on January 4, 2007, as a limited liability company under the laws of the state of North Carolina. Prior to June 30, 2014, the member interests of HCD were wholly owned by Hatteras Capital Investment Management, LLC ("HCIM"). HCD serves as the distributor for investment company products and limited partnerships. HCD operates as a limited-use broker dealer pursuant to SEC Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i) and does not hold customer funds or safekeep customer securities.

On June 30, 2014 (the "Acquisition Date"), HCIM, along with other affiliate companies including Hatteras Investment Partners, LLC ("HIP"), Hatteras Alternative Mutual Funds, LLC ("HAMF"), Hatteras Investment Management, LLC ("HIM"), and Hatteras Capital Investment Partners, LLC ("HCIP"), collectively the "Hatteras Funds Group", sold substantially all of their assets, including all of HCIM's member interest in HCD, to Hatteras Funds, LLC ("Hatteras Funds") in a transaction accounted for as a business combination under ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations. Hatteras Funds is a single member limited liability company formed under the state of Delaware and operated under the name of Scotland Acquisition, LLC prior to being renamed Hatteras Funds on June 23, 2014. The member interest of Hatteras Funds is wholly owned by RCS Capital Corporation ("RCS"). Hatteras Funds provides investment advisory services to various affiliated funds and general partnerships. Hatteras Funds did not elect to apply push down accounting under ASU 2014-17, Business Combinations (Topic 805) Pushdown Accounting a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force, into the Company's accounting records at the Acquisition Date.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The information furnished includes all adjustments and accruals of a normal recurring nature, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair statement of results.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates, and these differences could be material.

Notes to Financial Statements

Cash

The Company maintains cash deposits with a financial institution. At times, these balances may exceed the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"). The Company had approximately \$1.8 million in cash balances as of December 31, 2015 that were in excess of the FDIC insured limits. There were no restrictions placed on the Company's cash deposits at December 31, 2015, nor at any point during the twelve-months ended December 31, 2015.

Service Fees Receivable and Due from Affiliates

The Company records service fee receivables by providing services to various funds managed and advised by Hatteras Funds. As provided in the fund servicing agreements, the Company will assist with investor communications, maintenance of fund records, and provide various other services related to the funds' operations. The Company records service fees receivable when fees have been earned but not yet paid on services provided to unrelated parties. The Company also provides services to Hatteras Funds under terms of a written agreement between the Company and Hatteras Funds. The Company records fees receivable from Hatteras Funds when earned but not yet paid as Due from Affiliate in the Company's financial statements. When applicable, amounts owed for services provided by Hatteras Funds and service fees to be received from Hatteras Funds are presented net in the Company's Statement of Financial Position. At December 31, 2015, no net amounts were owed to Hatteras Funds. The Company has determined that all amounts Due from Affiliates are collectible, and that no allowance account is considered necessary.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue generally when it is earned and realized or realizable, when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, services have been rendered, and collectability is reasonably assured. The Company earns service fees by providing fund services to the various Hatteras Funds (the "Funds") through Fund Servicing Agreements. Service fees are calculated monthly or quarterly, as applicable, as a percentage of the aggregate net assets of the Funds, which is reported by each fund's administrator.

12(b)-1 Plan

The Company is the distributor for certain affiliated funds which maintain a 12(b)-1 Plan. The Company has engaged Quasar, a division of US Bank Fund Services, as sub-distributor to administer the 12(b)-1 Plan. The Company maintains an account at the various funds which offer shares under the 12(b)-1 Plan, which are used to pay expenses related to the marketing and selling of fund shares, such as compensating brokers and others who sell fund shares, and paying for advertising, the printing and mailing of prospectuses to new investors, and the printing and mailing of sales literature. The Company recognizes revenue as earned from the assets under management in the share classes under the plan and expenses under the 12(b)-1 plan as the Company remits 12(b)-1 plan fees to third party selling brokers.

Commissions and other direct variable distribution costs are paid to unrelated distributors by the Company in connection with the sales of certain investment products that entitle the Company to collect 12(b)-1 plan revenues and contingent deferred sales charges. Such deferred acquisition costs are capitalized by the Company and amortized over the term of the contingent deferred sales charge period, which is typically twelve months from the date of investment. During 2015, the Company capitalized deferred acquisition costs of \$115,327 and recorded amortization expense of \$315,720 related to these deferred acquisition costs.

Expenses

The Company recognizes expenses in its Statement of Income as expenses are incurred. The Company is party to a written expense sharing agreement with Hatteras Funds, with whom the Company shares office facilities. The expense sharing agreement results in the Company incurring certain expenses within its Statement of Income based upon a percentage of time, space and equipment used by Hatteras Funds in conducting activities of the Company. The Company and Hatteras Funds review the specific expense sharing percentages and estimates included within the expense sharing agreement annually to ensure such expense sharing percentages and estimates remain reasonable. No changes in those expense sharing percentages and estimates have occurred throughout 2015.

Income Taxes

The Company is a single member limited liability company that is treated as a disregarded entity for income tax purposes. As a result of the Company's designation as a disregarded entity for income tax purposes, no income taxes have been recognized within the Company's financial statements.

The Company has adopted the provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Codification 740-10, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. Under FASB ASC 740-10, the Company is required to evaluate each of its tax positions to determine if they are more likely than not to be sustained if the taxing authority examines the respective position. A tax position includes an entity's status and the decision not to file a return. The Company has evaluated each of its tax positions and has determined that it has no uncertain tax positions for which a provision or liability for income taxes is necessary.

The Member files income tax returns in the U.S. in both federal and state jurisdictions. With few exceptions, the Member is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state or local tax examinations by taxing authorities for years before 2012.

Notes to Financial Statements

2. Related Party Transactions

Included in the Statement of Income are service fees from affiliated entities. In addition, the Statement of Income includes operating expenses resulting from the expense sharing agreement in place with Hatteras Funds. The following table sets forth the Company's related party revenues, expenses, receivables and payables for the year ended December 31, 2015:

| | 2014 |
|--|---|
| Service fees from Hatteras Funds, LLC 12b-1 plan revenues from Funds Other income from Funds | \$ 4,700,746 808,597 16,845 |
| Total Revenues | <u>\$ 5,526,188</u> |
| Operating expenses allocated from Hatteras Funds, LLC Payroll and related expenses Marketing events and materials Travel, meals and entertainment Rent Office expenses Depreciation Other expenses Insurance | \$ 2,396,857 776,867 601,169 53,334 46,917 33,529 21,320 6,392 |
| Total Allocated Expenses | <u>\$ 3,936,385</u> |
| Due from Hatteras Funds, LLC Due to Hatteras Funds, LLC | \$ 276,121 (265,183) |
| Due from affiliate, net | \$ 10,938 |

3. Regulatory Net Capital Requirement

The Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule, Rule 15c3-1, which requires the Company to maintain minimum net capital, as defined, as the greater of \$5,000 or 6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness, as defined. At December 31, 2015, the Company had regulatory net capital of \$2,000,698 which is \$1,995,698 in excess of the Company's net capital requirement of \$5,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital is 0.035 to 1.0.

The Company does not carry customer accounts and does not otherwise hold funds or securities for, or owe money to, customers and, accordingly, claims exemption from SEC Rule 15c3-3, under the provision in section k(2)(i).

4. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued. The Company identified the following events:

On November 9, 2015, it was announced that certain principals of Hatteras Funds (the "Adviser") had entered into an agreement to purchase the Adviser from RCS Capital Corporation. Along with that transaction, the Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, would be included in the transaction. After closing, the Company will continue to operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser. The transaction closed on January 5, 2016. This transaction will not have any impact on the Company's operations or financial results.

Supplementary Information

Schedule I Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 and Statement Pursuant to Rule 17a-5(d)(4)

| December 31, | 2014 |
|---|---|
| Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 | |
| Computation of Net Capital: | |
| Total member's equity from statement of financial condition | \$ 2,635,660 |
| Less: Nonallowable assets: | |
| Due from affiliate, net | 10,938 |
| Receivable from 12(b)-1 plan | 505,830 |
| Deferred acquisition cost, net of amortization | 59,607 |
| Other assets | 43,587 |
| Other deductions | 15,000 |
| Net Capital | \$ 2,000,698 |
| Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement: | |
| 6-2/3% of \$69,250, aggregate indebtedness | 4,617 |
| Minimum net capital required, pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 | 5,000 |
| Minimum dollar net capital requirements of reporting broker/dealer | 5,000 |
| Excess net capital | 1,995,698 |
| Computation of Aggregate Indebtedness: | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 69,250 |
| Total Aggregate Indebtedness Liabilities | 69,250 |
| Percentage of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital | 3.5% |
| Statement Pursuant to Rule 17a-5(d)(4) | |
| A Reconciliation of the Company's computation of net capital as reported in the unaudited Pa December 31, 2015 was not prepared as there are no material differences between the Compa | art IIA of Form X-17A-5 as of my's computation of net capital and the |

computation contained herein.

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015



Defining Alternatives

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

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