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NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Berenson & Company, LLC			OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)			FIRM I.D. NO.
667 MADISON AVENUE, 4T	TH FLOOR		
	(No. and Street)		
NEW YORK	NY	10065	
(City)	(State)	(Zip	Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ( MICHAEL LEWIS, CFO, (212) 446-1735	OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGA	ARD TO THIS REPOR	RT
		(Ar	ea Code – Telephone Number)
В. А	ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICAT	ΓΙΟΝ	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTA	NT whose opinion is contained in this	Report*	
EISNERAMPER LLP	·	-	
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#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, MICHAEL LEWIS	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanyin EISNERAMPER LLP	g financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of, as
of DECEMBER 31	, 20 <u>15</u> , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neither the company nor any partner, prop classified solely as that of a customer, exce	rietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account ept as follows:
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Julia Tatroe  NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK Registration No. 01TA6306446 Qualified in New York City My Commission Expires 6/23/2018  Notary Public	Title
This report ** contains (check all applicable	Condition.  ders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
<ul> <li>(g) Computation of Net Capital.</li> <li>(h) Computation for Determination of</li> <li>(i) Information Relating to the Posses</li> <li>(j) A Reconciliation, including approp Computation for Determination of</li> <li>(k) A Reconciliation between the audiconsolidation.</li> <li>(l) An Oath or Affirmation.</li> <li>(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental</li> </ul>	Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3. sion or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3. riate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3. ted and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of

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

# BERENSON & COMPANY, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berenson & Company, Inc.)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

**DECEMBER 31, 2015** 

**BERENSON & COMPANY, LLC** (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berenson & Company, Inc.)

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Member Berenson & Company, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Berenson & Company, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2015. 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 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 statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Berenson & Company, LLC 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

Eisner Amper LLP

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## Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2015

ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash of \$490,546)  Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$362,097  Other assets	\$ 1,437,120 646,050 25,000
	<u>\$ 2,108,170</u>
LIABILITIES Accrued bonus compensation	\$ <u>700,000</u>
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	412,593
	1,112,593
Commitments (Note F)	
MEMBER'S EQUITY	995,577
	<u>\$ 2,108,170</u>

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Notes to Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2015

#### NOTE A - ORGANIZATION

Berenson & Company, LLC (the "Company") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berenson & Company, Inc. ("INC" or "Parent"). INC is the managing member, and the only member of the Company. INC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berenson Holdings LLC ("Holdings").

The Company is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Company is primarily engaged in the business of providing advice in connection with various transactions including mergers, acquisitions, financial restructurings, private placements of securities and other similar activities. Additionally, the Company may engage in the following lines of business: 1) act as an underwriter (including as a book-running manager or co-manager) or selling group member in firm commitment and best efforts public offerings of debt and equity securities 2) act as buyer or seller of debt and equity securities as agent in the over the counter market 3) act as an initial purchaser in private offerings conducted pursuant to Rule 144A and 4) act as an underwriter, arranger or intermediary in connection with leveraged loan transactions. The Company does not carry customer accounts and is exempt from Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c-3-3 under paragraph k(2)(i).

#### NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Advisory fees include fees earned from providing strategic advisory, merger-and-acquisition, capital formation and restructuring services. Fees earned in relation to a specific transaction are recognized when the transaction is complete and billable. Retainer fees are generally received monthly or quarterly and are recognized as earned on a pro-rate basis over the term of the contract.

Depreciation of office equipment is recorded on a straight-line basis over a five-year period. Leasehold improvements are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful life or the life of the applicable office lease.

Cash and cash equivalents include holdings in a money market mutual fund held at a financial institution. In the event of the financial institution's insolvency, recovery of such assets may be limited to account insurance or other protection.

The Company leases premises under a lease, which provides for periodic increases during the lease term. The Company records rent expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The difference, if any, between rent expense incurred and the amount paid is recorded as a liability for deferred rent.

The preparation of the statement of financial condition and related disclosures in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the statement of financial condition. Certain significant accounting policies that contain subjective management estimates and assumptions include those related to revenue recognition, bonus compensation and intercompany expense-sharing arrangements. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors, including the current economic environment, and makes adjustments when facts and circumstances dictate. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with precision, actual results could differ significantly from those estimates and assumptions. Changes in those estimates resulting from continuing changes in the economic environment will be reflected in the statement of financial condition in future periods.

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Notes to Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2015

#### NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The Company is a single-member limited liability company wholly owned by the Parent and is a disregarded entity for federal and state income tax purposes.

The Company recognizes tax benefits or expenses of uncertain tax positions in the year such determination is made when the position is "more likely than not" to be sustained, assuming examination by tax authorities. At December 31, 2015, the Company has no material unrecognized tax benefits.

#### NOTE C - BENEFIT PLANS

The Company sponsors an employee deferred compensation plan covering substantially all employees. The plan qualifies under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### NOTE D - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the Uniform Net Capital Rule under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Rule 15c3-1), the Company is required to maintain minimum net capital of the greater of \$100,000, or 6 2/3% of the Company's aggregate indebtedness, as defined. At December 31, 2015, the Company had net capital of \$533,981, which exceeded the minimum net capital requirement of \$100,000 by \$433,981. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .77 to 1.

#### NOTE E - FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets at December 31, 2015 are comprised of the following:

Furniture and fixtures Computer and office equipment Leasehold improvements Telecommunications Artwork	\$ 419,644 247,698 241,223 51,262 48,320
Total cost	1,008,147
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(362,097)
Fixed assets, net	<u>\$ 646,050</u>

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### Notes to Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2015

#### NOTE F - COMMITMENTS

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The Company leases office space on the fourth floor of 667 Madison Avenue in New York City under a non-cancelable operating lease (the "Lease"). In 2014, the Company entered into a lease modification agreement, whereby the Company leased office space on the fifth floor, starting on March 1, 2015 ("Fifth Floor Occupancy Date") in addition to the original premises leased. The term of the Lease is extended until the tenth anniversary of the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Occupancy Date. Future minimum lease payments at December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	<u>Gross</u>	Sublease Income	Net
2016	3,129,564	(589,440)	2,540,124
2017	3,129,564	(275,970)	2,853,594
2018	3,129,564	-	3,129,564
2019	3,129,564	•	3,129,564
2020	3,390,361	-	3,390,361
Thereafter	<u>14,343,835</u>	_	<u> 14,343,835</u>
	<u>\$ 30,252,452</u>	<u>\$ (865,410)</u>	<u>\$ 29,387,042</u>

The Lease requires a security deposit of \$487,300, which has been satisfied by a letter of credit. The Company has collateralized such letter of credit with a deposit of \$490,546, which is included in restricted cash.

#### **NOTE G - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company allocated \$1,864,000 of compensation, office and professional service expenses to INC (\$75,000), Holdings (\$1,139,000) and Berenson Mena Ltd. ("MENA") (\$650,000), a wholly-owned subsidiary of INC. Holdings received advances of \$467,822 from the Company during 2015. During 2015, repayments of \$458,905, \$1,606,820 and \$650,000 were made to the Company by INC, Holdings and MENA, respectively.

The Company paid direct expenses of Holdings which totaled \$812,514 and \$280,615 of MENA direct expenses, all of which were reimbursed during the year.