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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2015 AND ENDING 12/31/2015  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: **WESTLAKE SECURITIES, LLC**

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ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

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Austin Texas 78746  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

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(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

PMB Helin Donovan, LLP  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

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(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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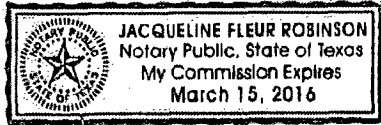
OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Wilson Allen, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of WESTLAKE SECURITIES, LLC, as of December 31, 2015, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

NONE

Wilson Allen  
Signature

Chief Executive Officer  
Title



[Signature]  
Notary Public

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Operations.
- (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

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# Westlake Securities, LLC

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule  
(With Report of Independent Registered Public  
Accounting Firm Thereon)

December 31, 2015



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December 31, 2015

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Board of Directors and Member of:  
Westlake Securities, LLC

We have audited the accompanying financial condition of Westlake Securities, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of operations, member's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the entity'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 the Company as of December 31, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

The Computation of Net Capital and Aggregate Indebtedness Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Supplemental Schedule") has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Company's financial statements. The Supplemental Schedule is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the Supplemental Schedule reconcile 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 Supplemental Schedule. In forming our opinion on the Supplemental Schedule, we evaluated whether it, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In our opinion, the Supplemental Schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

**PMB Helin Donovan, LLP**

*PMB Helin Donovan, LLP*

Austin, Texas  
February 22, 2016

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**WESTLAKE SECURITIES, LLC**

Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2015

**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 664,341
Deposits with clearing brokers	98,178
Consulting/advisory fees receivable	7,785
Securities and investments	101
Receivables from related parties	1,171,223
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>831</u>

**Total assets** \$ 1,942,459

**Liabilities and Member's Equity**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 193,879</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>193,879</u>

Member's equity 1,748,580

**Total liabilities and member's equity** \$ 1,942,459

See notes to the financial statements and report of independent registered public accounting firm.

## WESTLAKE SECURITIES, LLC

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2015

### Note 1 - Nature of Business

Westlake Securities, LLC (the "Company") is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") providing full service broker dealer activities and investment banking. The Company has claimed an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 ("Rule") under section (k)(2)(ii) of the Rule, and accordingly is exempt from the remaining provisions of that Rule.

The Company is a Texas limited liability company, which commenced operations on March 20, 2003, and its sole member is Westlake Group, LLC (the "Parent").

### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### *Basis of accounting*

These financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America whereby revenues are recognized in the period earned and expenses when incurred.

#### *Cash equivalents*

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all short term, highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### *Use of estimates*

The preparation of financial statements 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 statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### *Consulting/advisory fees receivable*

Consulting/advisory fees receivable are generally collected in full in the month following their accrual. Management records an allowance for bad debts based on a collectability review of specific accounts. Any receivables deemed uncollectible are written off against the allowance. As of December 31, 2015, the Company has accrued an allowance for uncollectable accounts of \$35,442.

#### *Revenue recognition*

Placement agent revenues include gains, losses, and fees, net of syndicate expenses, arising from securities offerings in which the Company acts as an underwriter or placement agent. Placement agent fees are recognized as earned on a pro rata basis over the term of the contract, except that fees contingent on completion of a transaction are recognized at the time the placement transaction is completed and the income is reasonably determinable.

Merger and acquisitions ("M&A") advisory revenues include amounts earned from providing merger and acquisition or general advisory services. Revenue from M&A advisory services is recognized as earned on a pro rata basis over the term of the contract, except that fees contingent on completion of a transaction are recognized at the time the transaction is completed and the income is reasonably determinable.

#### *Security transactions*

Security transactions, commission income and expense are recorded on a settlement date basis, generally the third business day following the transaction. If materially different, commission income and expenses are recorded on a trade date basis.

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***Financial instruments and credit risk***

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk include cash and cash equivalents, consulting/advisory fees receivable from customers, amounts due from a clearing broker and securities and investments. Cash and cash equivalents are held by high credit quality financial institutions and \$414,341 exceeded the FDIC insured limits as of December 31, 2015. Securities not readily marketable are carried at fair value as determined by management of the Company. The increase or decrease in the fair value of these securities is recognized in the statement of operations.

***Fair Value Measurements***

The fair value of the Company's financial instruments reflects the amounts that the Company estimates to receive in connection with the sale of an asset or paid in connection with the transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price).

The carrying amounts of the Company's financial instruments, which include cash equivalents, deposits with clearing brokers, due from clearing broker, consulting/advisory fees receivable, receivables from related parties, prepaid expenses and other assets, and accounts payable and accrued expenses, approximate their fair values due to their short maturities. Securities and investments consist of equity securities of a privately held corporation that is measured at fair value.

***Income Taxes***

As a limited liability company, the Company's taxable income or loss is allocated to its member. Therefore, no provision or liability for income taxes has been included in the financial statements.

The Company is subject to Texas franchise tax. The tax is based on taxable margin, as defined under the law, rather than being based on federal taxable income. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company's Texas franchise tax expense was estimated to be \$15,518.

***Management Review***

Management of the Company has evaluated subsequent events through February 22, 2016, the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

Accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") or other standards-setting bodies are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements**

In determining fair value, the Company uses various methods including market, income and cost approaches. Based on these approaches, the Company often utilizes certain assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk and or the risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. These inputs can be readily observable, market corroborated, or generally unobservable inputs. The Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Based on the observability of the inputs used in the valuation techniques, the Company is required to provide the following information according to the fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value will be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

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Financial instruments are considered Level 1 when their values are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets in active or inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset, or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data or other means.

Financial instruments are considered Level 3 when their values are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies or similar techniques and at least one significant model assumption or input is unobservable. Level 3 financial instruments also include those for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

As of December 31, 2015, investments have been valued using Level 3 inputs and a weighting of discounted cash flows and market approach methodologies. The application of valuation techniques applied to similar assets and liabilities has been consistent. The following table represents the Company's fair value hierarchy for its investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2015:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quoted Prices for Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Equity securities	\$	\$	\$ 101	\$ 101
Total investments	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 101</u>	<u>\$ 101</u>

The reconciliation of the underlying investments at fair value on a recurring basis using unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31, 2015 is as follows:

Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 100
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	1
Purchases and sales, net	-
Balance at December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 101</u>

**Note 4 - Concentrations**

The Company has a variety of customers, and in any given year a single customer can account for a significant portion of revenues. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company had two customers who accounted for 64% of total revenue.

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**Note 5 - Related Party Transactions**

Funds are periodically advanced to affiliates for working capital, which are offset by salaries and commissions, rent, and other overhead expenses paid by affiliates on behalf of the Company. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the expenses totaled \$389,028. In addition to this, an affiliate provides back office and other management support to the Company in exchange for a \$25,000 monthly management fee, payable at the affiliate's discretion. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the total management fees charged by an affiliate were \$75,000. The Company and an affiliate are under common control and the existence of that control creates operating results and financial position significantly different than if the companies were autonomous.

On occasion, the Company makes discretionary zero interest unsecured advances to employees. These advances are scheduled to be repaid through reductions of future commissions or bonuses or through regular salary withholdings. At December 31, 2015, the balance of advances due the Company was \$4,815.

At December 31, 2015, total amount of receivables due from related parties under these arrangements were:

Westlake Group, LLC	\$ 646,330
Westlake Financial Advisory, LLC	520,078
Employee advances	<u>4,815</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,171,223</u>

**Note 6 - Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the SEC uniform net capital rule ("Rule 15c3-1"), which requires the maintenance of a minimum amount of net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2015, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$568,639 and \$100,000, respectively. The Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was 0.34 to 1.

Capital distributions to the Company's member can be made under a capital distribution policy approved by the member. Periodic distributions may be made to enable the member to pay federal income taxes on company profits, among other purposes.

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