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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2015 AND ENDING 12/31/2015  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Fidus Securities, LLC

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

227 West Trade Street, Suite 1910

(No. and Street)

Charlotte

(City)

NC

(State)

28202

(Zip Code)

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

Edward P. Imbrogno

704-334-2222

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Plante Moran, PLLC

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

10 South Riverside Plaza, 9th Floor

(Address)

Chicago

(City)

IL

(State)

60606

(Zip Code)

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CHECK ONE:

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

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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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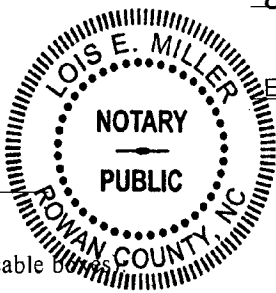
I, Edward P. Imbrogno, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Fidus Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 20 15, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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Edward P. Imbrogno  
Signature

Edward P. Imbrogno, Designated Principal  
Title

Lois E. Miller  
Notary Public



- This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes)
- (a) Facing Page.
  - (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 Partners' or Sole Proprietors' 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.

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

Financial Statement and Report of Independent  
Registered Public Accounting Firm

**Fidus Securities, LLC**

December 31, 2015

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member  
of Fidus Securities, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Fidus Securities, LLC (a Delaware limited liability company) (The "Company") as of December 31, 2015, and the related notes to that financial statement. This statement of financial condition is the responsibility of Fidus Securities, LLC'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 statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial position. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial position 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 Fidus Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2015 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Plante & Moran, PLLC*

Chicago, Illinois  
February 22, 2016

# Statement of financial condition

<b>December 31</b>	<b>2015</b>
	\$
<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash	1,831,032
Prepaid expenses	1,231
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,832,263</b>
<b>Liabilities and member's equity:</b>	
Due to member	1,557,642
Other liabilities	1,707
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,559,349</b>
<b>Member's equity</b>	<b>272,914</b>
<b>Total liabilities and member's equity</b>	<b>1,832,263</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

# Notes to financial statement

## **1 Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Operations**

Fidus Securities, LLC (the Company) is a limited liability company that operates as a registered broker-dealer. As a registered broker-dealer, the Company primarily represents clients in merger and acquisition-related activities composed principally of sell-side transactions structured as the sale of corporate stock or other securities to institutional or corporate acquirers. The Company operates offices in North Carolina and New York. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

### **Use of Accounting Estimates in Preparation of Financial Statement**

The preparation of the financial statement in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities and disclosures. Accordingly, the actual amounts could differ from those estimates. Any adjustments applied to estimated amounts are recognized in the year in which such adjustments are determined.

### **Cash**

The Company maintains cash deposits with financial institutions which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company considers liquid financial instruments with original maturities of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents.

### **Revenue Recognition**

The Company recognizes revenue from investment banking transactions when earned. Success-based transaction fees are typically earned at the date the client's enterprise is successfully sold to a buyer. Advisory, retainer and other fees, including non-refundable fees, are typically earned throughout a client engagement as services are performed. To the extent client funds are received prior to being earned, such amounts are deferred and accounted for as deferred revenue. Expense reimbursements are recognized when invoiced.

### **Income Taxes**

The Company is organized as a limited liability company and is considered to be a disregarded entity for income tax purposes. Accordingly, no provision for federal or state income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statement, as the member includes the Company's taxable income or loss in its income tax returns.

US GAAP requires management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Company and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Company has taken an uncertain position that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. As of December 31, 2015 there were no uncertain positions taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statement.

## **2 Related-party Transactions**

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fidus Partners, LLC (the Member) and was established to process certain transactions initiated by itself or its parent company that require the services of a registered broker-dealer. Only transactions that relate specifically to broker-dealer activities result in revenue being recognized by the Company. Expenses covered by the Member but directly related to broker-dealer activities are billed to the Company. During 2015 the Company covered certain direct expenses on behalf of the Company which were reimbursed by the Company in full during 2015. In accordance with regulatory requirements, the Member allocates certain of its common office overhead costs to the Company in the form of an office services charge. This allocation is an amount equal to the total of all common office expenses and employee costs multiplied by the revenues recognized by the Company as a percentage of all revenue recognized by the Company and its Member combined. Allocations are made on a monthly basis and are typically paid to the Member within 30 days. The Company had an intercompany payable balance to the Member in the amount of \$1,557,642 as of December 31, 2015, representing advancements on the Member's monthly allocation of expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2015, no distributions were made to the Member.

## **3 Securities and Exchange Commission Matters**

### **Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), 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. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had net capital of \$271,683, which was \$167,726 in excess of its required net capital of \$103,957.

### **Reserve Requirements**

The Company does not carry customer accounts. As such, it is exempt from SEC Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to Section k(2)(i) of that rule.

### **Aggregate Indebtedness**

At December 31, 2015, the Company had aggregate indebtedness of \$1,559,349.

## **4 Subsequent Events**

The Company has evaluated events that occurred subsequent to year-end through February 22, 2016, the date at which the financial statement was available to be issued, to determine whether any events required recognition or disclosure in the 2015 financial statement as required by authoritative guidance.



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