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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	January 1, 2015 MM/DD/YY	AND ENDINGDecember 31, 2015 MM/DD/YY		
A. REGI	STRANT IDENTIFIC	CATION		
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Cogent Alternative Strategies, Inc.  ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)			OFFICIAL USE ONLY FIRM I.D. NO.	
		ox No.)		
3801 PGA I	Bouleward, Suite 600			
	(No. and Street)			
Palm Beach Gardens	Ilm Beach Gardens FL 33410		3410	
(City)	(State)	(2	Zip Code)	
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PER Glen Beigel	SON TO CONTACT IN R		ORT 6-621-6105	
			(Area Code - Telephone Number)	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT wh	OSE ODIDION IS CONTAINED IN			
Halpern & Associates, LLC	ose opinion is contained in	i uns report		
	Name – if individual, state last, fi	irst, middle name)		
218 Danbury Road	Wilton	СТ	06897	
(Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)	
CHECK ONE:				
☑ Certified Public Accountant				
☐ Public Accountant				
☐ Accountant not resident in United	d States or any of its posse	ssions.		
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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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### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, _	Glen Beigel		, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my.	knowledge and belief the accompanying fi	inancial stater	nent and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
	Cogent Alternative Strategies, Ir	ıc.	, as
of_	December 31		, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neit			officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
clas	sified solely as that of a customer, except	as follows:	
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	Notary Public		
This	report ** contains (check all applicable b	onxes).	JONATHAN SIERZEGA
図	(a) Facing Page.	λολου).	Notary Public - State of Florida
<b>√</b> ⊠	(b) Statement of Financial Condition.		Commission # FF 900825
	(c) Statement of Income (Loss).		My Comm. Expires Jul 16, 2019
	(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Co	ondition.	
	(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders		
	(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities S	ubordinated to	o Claims of Creditors.
	(g) Computation of Net Capital.		
	(h) Computation for Determination of Re		
	(i) Information Relating to the Possessio		
			of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
_			uirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
П		and unaudite	d Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
X	consolidation. (I) An Oath or Affirmation.		
	(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Re	nort	
			to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
	(11) 12 report describing any material made	Anacies ionin	to exist of round to have existed since the date of the previous addit.

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

### COGENT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015



### Halpern & Associates, LLC

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of Cogent Alternative Strategies Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cogent Alternative Strategies Inc. (the "Company"), and the related notes as of December 31, 2015.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 from 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 statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2015, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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### COGENT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2015

ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents  Accounts receivable	\$ 1,129,884 3,383,154
Other assets	8,738
Total assets	\$ 4,521,776
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 320,362</u>
Stockholder's equity	
Common stock, .01 par value, 1,000 shares	40
authorized, issued and outstanding 1,000 shares	10
Additional paid-in capital	76,990
Retained earnings	4,124,414
Total stockholder's equity	4,201,414
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$ 4,521,776</u>

## COGENT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

### Note 1 - ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

Cogent Alternative Strategies, Inc. (The "Company") began doing business in July 2000 as a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The principal source the Company's income is generated from the private placement of securities. In this capacity, the firm places assets with investment managers for its qualified individual and institutional customers. In addition, the Company acts as an agent for secondary private placements and other similar transactions.

In the normal course of its business, the Company enters into financial transactions where the risk of potential loss due to changes in market (market risk) or failure of the other party to the transaction to perform (counterparty risk) exceeds the amounts recorded for the transaction.

The Company's policy is to continuously monitor its exposure to market and counterparty risk through the use of a variety of financial position and credit exposure reporting and control procedures. In addition, the Company has a policy of reviewing the credit standing of each broker/dealer, clearing organization, fund manager, customer and/or other counterparty with which it conducts business.

### Note 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company maintains its books and records on an accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America which require management to make estimates and assumptions in determining the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The company prepares its income tax returns on the cash basis.

The Company's financial instruments that are potentially exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents. The Company places its cash with quality financial institutions. At times, cash balances may be in excess of balances insured by the FDIC.

### Note 3 - CASH IN BANK

Funds deposited with a single bank are insured up to \$250,000 in the aggregate by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). The Company considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with a maturity date of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

## COGENT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

### Note 4 - PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES

The Company has elected to be treated as an "S" Corporation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.. Under the provisions, the Company does not pay federal corporate income taxes on its taxable income. Instead, the stockholder is liable for individual income taxes on his respective share of the Company's taxable income.

FASB provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, disclosed and presented in the financial statements. This requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Corporation's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained "when challenged" or "when examined" by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to be the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense and liability in the current year. The tax years that remain subject to examination are 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. For the year ended December 31, 2015 management has determined that there are no material uncertain income tax positions.

#### Note 5 - RULE 15C-3-3

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c-3-3 under paragraph (k)(2)(i) in that the company carries no customer accounts.

#### Note 6 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Net Capital 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. At December 31, 2015, the Company had Net Capital of \$1,096,521, which was in excess of the minimum requirement of \$21,358 by \$1,075,163 The Company's net capital ratio was 29.22%.

### Note 7 - LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO THE CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

As of December 31, 2015, the Company had not entered into any subordinated loan agreements.

#### Note 8 - CUSTOMER CONCENTRATION

The company had one customer that represented 94.48% of total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2015. The customer represented 99.60% of accounts receivable at December 31, 2015.

# COGENT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

### Note 9 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

### Note 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events have been evaluated through the date that these financial statements were available to be issued and no further information is required to be disclosed.