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

## U.S. BROKERAGE, INC. Financial Statements

December 31, 2015

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders of US Brokerage, Inc. Columbus, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of US Brokerage, Inc. (an Ohio corporation), as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of U.S. Brokerage, Inc.'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 US Brokerage, Inc. 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 Schedules of Operating Expenses, Computation of Net Capital, Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements, Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements, and Material Differences in the Computation of Net Capital have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of US Brokerage, Inc.'s financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of U.S. Brokerage, Inc.'s management. Our audit procedures include 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 presenting in conformity with 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5. In our opinion, the Supplemental Schedules of Operating Expenses, Computation of Net Capital, Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements, Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements, and Material Differences in the Computation of Net Capital are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Hobe L Lucas Certified Public Accountants

Independence, Ohio March 10, 2016

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

#### **ASSETS**

Assets: Cash Deposits with clearing organizations Securities owned at fair value Accounts receivable - trade Accounts receivable - related parties Equipment and furniture, net	\$	73,586 50,098 10,800 2,109 197,860 1,571
Deposit	_	900
TOTAL ASSETS '	<u>\$</u>	336,924
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable - commissions	\$	41,146
Accrued wages Accrued taxes		6,300 2,197
Distributions payable	_	3,664
Total Liabilities	_	53,307
Stockholders' Equity:		
Capital stock 8,000 shares authorized, issued and		47.000
outstanding, no par value Additional paid-in capital		17,332 189,339
Retained earnings		76,946
Total Stockholders' Equity		283,617
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>\$</u>	336,924

#### Statement of Operations Year Ended December 31, 2015

Revenues - commissions and fees	\$ 887,870
Less: Clearing and execution costs and fees Commissions expense	40,825 594,820
Net revenues	252,225
Operating expenses	172,609
Income from operations	79,616
Other income(loss) Interest income Trading account losses	27 (22,472) (22,445)
Income before taxes	57,171
City income taxes	2,884
NET INCOME	\$ 54,287

#### Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Capital Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 17,332	\$ 189,339	\$ 35,600	\$ 242,271
Current year net income	-	-	54,287	54,287
Distributions paid	-		(12,941)	(12,941)
Balance - end of year	<u>\$ 17,332</u>	<u>\$ 189,339</u>	\$ 76,946	\$ 283,617

#### Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2015

#### Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Net income	\$ 54,287
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash	
used in operating activities:	
Depreciation	1,943
Unrealized Losses on available for sale investments	22,472
(Increase) decrease in:	
Accounts receivable - trade	6,703
Accounts receivable - related parties	(57,462)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable - commissions	1,197
Accrured taxes	1,269
Distributions payable	 (6,218)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	24,191
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:	
Distributions to shareholders	 (12,941)
Net Increase in Cash	11,250
Cash at beginning of year	 62,336
Cash at end of year	\$ 73,586

## U.S. BROKERAGE, INC. Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2015

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

#### Nature of Business

U.S. Brokerage, Inc. (Company) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio on August 28, 1995. The Company is a securities broker-dealer registered with the SEC and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company's principal office is located in Columbus, Ohio.

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly, reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

#### Income Taxes

The Company, with the consent of its stockholders, has elected under the Internal Revenue Code to be an S Corporation. In lieu of corporation income taxes, the shareholders of an S Corporation are taxed on their proportionate share of the Company's taxable income. Therefore, no provision or liability for federal and state income taxes has been included in the financial statements. Reporting years ending after December 31, 2012 are subject to examination by major taxing authorities.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Advertising

The Company follows the policy of charging the costs of advertising to expense as incurred.

#### NOTE B - DEPOSITS WITH CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS

Deposits totaling \$50,098 at December 31, 2015 represent interest bearing accounts held by a clearing organization for the Company, who has possession of customer funds and acts as custodian for all customer securities on a fully disclosed basis.

#### NOTE C - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - TRADE

Accounts Receivable are listed at net realizable value and are considered by management to be fully collectible. Accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 2015

#### NOTE D - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - RELATED PARTIES

The Company has various accounts receivable from stockholders totaling \$197,860 at December 31, 2015. These receivables are non-interest bearing and have no fixed repayment terms.

#### **NOTE E - MARKETABLE SECURITIES**

The Company maintains a trading account for marketable securities resulting from trading errors that occur in the normal course of operations. The Company incurred a net loss of \$1,357 from these transactions during the year ended December 31, 2015.

At December 31, 2015, the Company had marketable securities with a quoted market value of \$10,800.

While these securities had an original cost basis to the shareholder of \$51,119, their cost basis is determined at the fair value of the securities at the time of contribution which was \$33,272. Therefore at December 31, 2015 there is \$22,472 of unrealized loss on the securities. This unrealized loss is included in Other Income/Loss at the December 31, 2015 year end.

#### NOTE F - FAIR VALUE

Generally accepted accounting principles define fair value, establish a framework for measuring fair value, and establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach, are used to measure fair value.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value on three broad levels:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Company has the ability to measure.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices included in level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability and rely on management's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. (The unobservable inputs should be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances and may include the Company's own data).

The securities reported in footnote E for the year ended December 31, 2015 are equities and were valued utilizing Level 1 inputs with no exceptions noted.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 2015

#### NOTE G - EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE

Assets are carried at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method for financial reporting purposes over the estimated useful lives of the assets and amounted to \$1,943 for the year ended December 31, 2015. For federal income tax purposes, depreciation is computed under the modified accelerated cost recovery system. Expenditures for major renewals and betterments that extend the useful lives of the assets are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

Equipment & Furniture Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 54,944 <u>53,373</u>
Net Equipment & Furniture	\$1.571

#### **NOTE H - LEASING ARRANGEMENT**

The Company conducts its operations from facilities that are leased under a three-year operating lease expiring in May, 2016.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under the above operating lease as of December 31, 2015:

<u>Year</u>	_Amount
2016	<u>\$ 4,500</u>

#### NOTE I - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (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. In addition, 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 of \$80,586, which was \$30,586 in excess of its required minimum net capital of \$50,000. The Company's net capital ratio was 0.66 to 1.

#### **NOTE J - CONTINGENCIES**

At December 31, 2015 the Company is involved in two lawsuits. The Company anticipates that the suits will be dismissed at which time the cases will be taken up in arbitration before a FINRA panel. The ultimate outcome of these two cases can not be determined at this time, but the total amount of potential loss for the Company is \$125,000.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 2015

#### NOTE K - MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management of the Company has reviewed and evaluated subsequent events through March 10, 2016 for possible inclusion in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015. No items were identified for inclusion. The date of March 10, 2016 is the date at which the financial statements were available for issue.

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Schedule of Operating Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2015

Administrative wages Payroll taxes Hospitalization Rent and utilities Registration fees Taxes Audit and accounting fees Office expense Telephone Postage and delivery Miscellaneous expense Insurance Continuing professional education Depreciation Computer and internet expenses	\$ 77,800 6,820 8,264 11,838 21,604 50 7,200 7,533 4,395 122 1,616 22,211 1,040 1,943
Computer and internet expenses Professional consulting fees	 13 160
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 172,609

Computation of Net Capital December 31, 2015

#### **NET CAPITAL COMPUTATION**

Total stockholders' equity from December 31, 2015 financial statements	\$ 283,617
Less:	
Non-Allowable Assets	
Accounts receivable - related parties	197,860
Equipment and furniture, net	1,571
Prepaid rent and deposit	900
	200,331
Haircuts on Securities	
Exempted Securities	1,620
Undo concentration	1,080
	2,700
NET CAPITAL	\$ 80,586
COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS	\$ 53,307
COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT -	
6 2/3% OF AGGREGATE INDEB <b>T</b> EDNESS	<u>\$ 3,556</u>
MINIMUM DECUMPED NET ONDITAL	<b>A F</b> 0.000
MINIMUM REQUIRED NET CAPITAL	\$ 50,000
EXCESS NET CAPITAL	ф 20 E06
EXCESSIVE CAPITAL	\$ 30,586
EXCESS NET CAPITAL AT 1000%	\$ 75,255
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RATIO: AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL	,66 to 1
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Supplementary Information For Year Ended December 31, 2015

## COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER EXHIBIT A OF RULE 15c3-3

U.S. Brokerage, Inc. used Penson Financial Services, Inc. and Southwest Securities, Inc. during the year ended December 31, 2015 as clearing agents and to perform custodial functions relating to customer securities on a fully disclosed basis. Therefore, U.S. Brokerage, Inc. is not subject to the reserve requirements under Rule 15c3-3.

## INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3

U.S. Brokerage, Inc. used Penson Financial Services, Inc. and Southwest Securities, Inc. for possession of customer funds and as custodians for all customer securities on a fully disclosed basis during the year ended December 31, 2015. Accordingly, U.S. Brokerage, Inc. is not subject to the requirements under rule 15c3-3.

#### MATERIAL DIFFERENCES IN COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL

Our audit of U.S. Brokerage, Inc., for the year ended December 31, 2015, disclosed the following difference in the computation of net capital from the broker-dealer's corresponding unaudited Part II A, Focus Report.

Computation of Net Capital per Focus Report	\$	93,261
Adjustments Due to Year-End Audit Entries Distributions Payable Accounts Receivable – Trade Accrued Income Taxes Accrued Payroll		(3,664) (1,253) (1,458) (6.300)
Total Net Capital at 12/31/15		80,586
Less Required Capital		50,000
Excess Net Capital	<u>\$</u>	30,586
Excess Net Capital at 1000%	\$_	<u>75,255</u>
Ratio: Aggregate Indebtedness To Net Capital		.66 to1

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT AND PAYMENTS (FORM SIPC-7)

To the Shareholders of U.S. Brokerage, Inc. Columbus, Ohio

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Assessment and Payments (Form SIPC-7) to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) for the year ended December 31, 2015, which were agreed to by U.S. Brokerage, Inc., and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating U.S. Brokerage, Inc.'s compliance with the applicable instructions of Form SIPC-7. U.S. Brokerage, Inc.'s management is responsible for U.S. Brokerage, Inc.'s compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

- 1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement records (copies of checks written), noting no differences;
- 2. Compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2015, as applicable, with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2015 noting a difference of \$1,252;
- 3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers (Excel spreadsheets derived from the general ledger that were prepared by management), noting a difference of \$5,440;
- 4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers (Excel spreadsheet derived from the general ledger that were prepared by management) supporting the adjustments noting no differences; and
- 5. Not applicable there was no overpayment.

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We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Hobe L Lucas Certified Public Accountants, Inc. Independence, Ohio

March 10, 2016

## SIPC-7 (33-REV 7/10)

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# SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION F.O. 80x 92195 Washington, D.C. 20090-2185 202-371-8300

#### General Assessment Reconciliation

SIPC-7 (33-REV 7/10)

For the liscal year ended 12/31/2015 (Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

#### TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS

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2b. Additions: [1] Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries ( producessors not included above	except foreign subsidiaries) and	
[2] Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading a	copunts.	***
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(?) Net less from securities in investment accounts.		21,200
Total additions		21,200
2c. Deductions: (1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered oper investment trust, from the sale of variable annulties, and from transactions in security futures products.	blusiness of insurance, from investment es or insurance company separate	435,647
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Total deductions		476,472
d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues		<sub>\$</sub> 411,405
e. General Assessment @ .0025		<sub>\$</sub> 1028.51
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### <u>U.S. BROKERAGE, INC.</u> <u>STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO RULE 15C3-3</u> <u>DECEMBER 31, 2015</u>

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To The Shareholders of U.S. Brokerage, Inc. Columbus, Ohio

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying U.S. Brokerage's Exemption Report, in which (1) U.S. Brokerage, Inc. identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which U.S. Brokerage, Inc. claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) (the "exemptive provisions") and (2) U.S. Brokerage, Inc. stated that U.S. Brokerage, Inc. met the identified exemptive provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. U.S. Brokerage, Inc.'s management is responsible for compliance with the exemptive provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about U.S. Brokerage, Inc.'s compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to about for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Hobe and Lucas Certified Public Accountants, Inc.

Independence, Ohio March 10, 2016



Member, FINRA/SIPC



#### U.S. Brokerage's Exemption Report

U.S. Brokerage (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R. 240.17a-5, "Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R. 240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

The Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. 240.15c3-3 under the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. 240.15c3-3(k):

(2)(ii), Who, as an introducing broker or dealer, clears all transactions with and for customers on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing broker or dealer, and who promptly transmits all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker or dealer which carries all of the accounts of such customers and maintains and preserves such books and records pertaining thereto pursuant to the requirements of 240.17a-3 and 240.17a-4 of this chapter, as are customarily made and kept by a clearing broker or dealer.

The Company met the identified exemption provision in 17 C.F.R. 240.15c3-3(k) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

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I, Greg Randall swear (or affirm) that, to the best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

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