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Report for the period beginning $01$	/01/16	AND ENDING 12/31/1	ING 12/31/16 MM/DD/YY		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip C	Code)		
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PER Phillip D. Meserve, President & CEO	SON TO CONTACT IN	REGARD TO THIS REPOR 949-333-:			
		(Are	a Code – Telephone Number		
B. ACCO	UNTANT IDENTIF	ICATION			
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT wh	ose opinion is contained i	in this Report*			
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Certified Public Accountant					
Public Accountant					
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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)

#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

i, 1	Phil	ip D. Meserve		, swear (or affirm) that, to the	e best of
-		wledge and belief the accompanying tast Capital Markets Group, LLC	inancial statement a	and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm o	
of	Dece	ember 31	, 20 <u>16</u>	, are true and correct. I further swear (or aff	irm) that
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cla	ssific	ed solely as that of a customer, except	as follows:		
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<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

#### CALIFORNIA JURAT WITH AFFIANT STATEMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of CALIFORNIA )
County of Orange ) state of CALIFORNIA )

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this <u>28th</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2017, by <u>Phillip D. Meserve</u> who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who appeared before me.

DEBRA A. PARKS
Notary Public - California
Orange County
Commission # 2160636
My Comm. Expires Aug 19, 2020

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT WITH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

#### December 31, 2016

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC Irvine, California

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of income, changes in member's equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company'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 in the United States of America. 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 Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC as of December 31, 2016, 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.

The supplemental information contained on pages 10 through 13 have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the supplemental information Company's financial statements. The responsibility of the Company's management. Our audit procedures included 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 presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2016

#### **ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses	\$ 	237,247 159,283 25,826
Total assets	\$	422,356
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY		
Liabilities Accounts payable	\$	118,910
Total liabilities		118,910
Member's equity		303,446
Total liabilities and member's equity	<u>\$</u>	422,356

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Revenue		
MBD Fees	\$	4,846,975
Marketing and due diligence		505,800
Total revenue	<del></del>	5,352,775
Operating Expenses		
Fees and licenses		743
Commissions		3,503,552
General and administrative		2,924
Legal and professional		4,081
Outside services		128,402
Shared expenses	-	515,700
Total operating expenses	<del></del>	4,155,402
Income before provisions for income taxes		1,197,373
Provision for income taxes		18,380
Net income (loss)	\$	1,178,993

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

		apital tributions	Retained Earnings (Deficit)	Total
Balances at December 31, 2015	\$	415,201	\$ (15,748)	\$ 399,453
Net income (loss)		-	1,178,993	1,178,993
Distributions	<u></u>	•	 (1,275,000)	 (1,275,000)
Balances at December 31, 2016	\$	415,201	\$ (111,755)	\$ 303,446

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF CREDITORS For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

For the year ended December 31, 2016, no subordinated liabilities or agreements exist in the financial statements of Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Cash flows from operating activities	
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,178,993
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash	
change in operating activities:	
Changes in:	
Accounts receivable	(94,180)
Prepaid expenses	5,932
Accounts payable	 (818,791)
Net change in cash from operating activities	 271,954
Cash flows from financing activities	
Member's distributions	 (1,275,000)
Net change in cash from financing activities	 (1,275,000)
Net change in cash	 (1,003,046)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	 1,240,293
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 237,247
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information	
Cash paid for:	
Income taxes	\$ 18,380
Interest	\$ •

There were no investing or non-cash financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2016.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

#### Note 1 - Summary of significant accounting policies

#### Organization and nature of business

Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC (the Company), a Delaware limited liability company, was formed on May 1, 2009, and adopted a fiscal year of December 31. It maintains its principal and only active office in Irvine, California.

The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of FINRA. Operations are pursuant to the (k)(2)(i) exemptive provision of SEC Rule 15c3-3 based on limited business activity and it does not hold customer funds or securities. Upon active operations in March of 2009 the Company's business consists of the offering and sale of real estate related investment products.

#### Financial statement estimates and assumptions

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 these estimates.

#### Revenue recognition

Substantially all the revenue of the Company consists of commissions and due diligence fees from the sale of undivided interests in Steadfast Apartment REIT, Inc. and Steadfast Apartment REIT III, Inc. Revenue is recorded upon the sale of these interests.

#### Concentrations of credit risk

#### Credit risk

The Company maintains most of its cash balances at one financial institution located in Orange County, California. From time to time the Company maintains cash deposits in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limits. Management does not believe that it is exposed to significant credit risk in connection with cash and cash equivalents.

#### Revenue

The Company processes all offerings and sale of undivided interests for Steadfast REIT Investments, LLC, an affiliate of Steadfast Companies. See Note 3 for related party disclosure.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all temporary cash investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

#### Note 1 - Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Accounts receivable

Management considers all accounts and commissions receivable to be fully collectible. Accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded.

#### Income taxes

The Company, with the consent of its member, has elected to be taxed as a limited liability company (LLC) under the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the applicable states in which they were formed. As a result of its election to be taxed as a LLC, the liability for federal income taxes is the obligation of the Company's member. As a result of this information, the Company is taxed on income for state income. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company's provision for taxes and related asset or liability includes State of California income taxes.

The Company adopted the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740-10-50, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. The statement requires that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a 'more-likely-than-not' threshold. This applies to positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The implementation of the statement had no impact on the Company's statement of financial condition or income. The Company does not believe its financial statements include (or reflect) any uncertain tax positions.

#### Note 2 - Net capital requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission 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 (and the rule of the "applicable" exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). The Company is subject to a \$5,000 minimum capital requirement under SEC Rule 15c3-1. Net capital and related capital ratio fluctuate on a daily basis; however, at December 31, 2016, the Company had net capital of \$118,337, which was \$110,410 in excess of its required minimum net capital of \$7,927. The Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was 100.48% at December 31, 2016.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

#### Note 3 - Related party transactions

The Company received commissions from Steadfast Companies, and affiliates of this entity totaling \$4,846,975 from the sale of publicly registered undivided interests in non-traded real estate investment trusts for the year ended December 31, 2016. The Company is the securities and financial services division of Steadfast Companies.

The Company had entered into an expense sharing agreement with Steadfast REIT Services, Inc. (SRS), under which SRS would be responsible for the services rendered by employees for the benefit of the Company and in connection with regulatory, compliance, and securities industry advisory services associated with the Company, offering and operations of current and future private and public offerings of securities of the Company. The Company reimburses SRS according to the terms of the expense agreements. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company paid \$505,800 for costs related to the expense agreements.

The Company had entered into an expense sharing agreement with Steadfast Investment Properties, Inc. (SIP), under which SIP would be responsible for the rent, utilities, telephone, postage, copies, and office supplies of the Company. The Company reimburses SIP according to the terms of the expense agreements. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company paid \$9,900 for costs related to the expense agreements.

The Company is owned by Steadfast REIT Holdings, LLC (SRH).

#### Note 4 - Income taxes

The provision for income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2016, consisted of the following:

State \$ 18,380

The Company is subject to taxation in the United States and various states jurisdictions. As of December 31, 2016, the Company's tax years for 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 are subject to examination by the tax authorities. With few exceptions, as of December 31, 2016, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state, or local examinations by tax authorities for years before 2011.

#### Note 5 - Subsequent events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 27, 2017, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

## COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

December 31, 2016

#### Computation of net capital

Total member's equity	\$	303,446
Deduct nonallowable assets	<del></del>	(185,109)
Net capital	<u>\$</u>	118,337
Aggregate indebtedness		
Items included in statement of financial condition:		
Various liabilities	\$	118,910
Total aggregate indebtedness	\$	118,910
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital		100.48%
Computation of basic net capital requirement		
Minimum dollar net capital required:		
Company	\$	5,000
6-2/3% of total aggregate indebtedness		7,927
Minimum dollar net capital required		7,927
Net capital, as calculated above		118,337
Excess (deficit) net capital		110,410
Net capital less 120% of minimum net capital required		108,825
Net capital, as reported in Company's Part II (unaudited) FOCUS report	\$	118,337

No material differences were noted between the Company's unaudited filing of Part IIA of the Focus Report and the computation of net capital noted above.

### STATEMENT UNDER RULE 17a-5(d)(4) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

December 31, 2016

The audit disclosed no violation of financial, and/or record-keeping problems. There were no material variations in the financial data reported on the unaudited Form X-17a-5 Part IIA dated December 31, 2016, with the final audit report attached.

## COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

December 31, 2016

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act under Section (k)(2)(i), since it promptly transmits all funds and delivers all securities received in connection with its activities as a broker or dealer, and does not otherwise hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers.

## INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

December 31, 2016

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act under Section (k)(2)(i), since it promptly transmits all funds and delivers all securities received in connection with its activities as a broker or dealer, and does not otherwise hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers.



#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED UPON PROCEDURES

To the Members Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC Irvine, California

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 General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7) to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) for the year ended December 31, 2016, which were agreed to by Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC's compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC's management is responsible for the Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC'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 entries noting no differences;
- 2. Compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2016, as applicable, with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2016, noting no differences;
- 3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers noting no differences;
- 4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers supporting the adjustments noting no differences; and
- 5. Compared the amount of any overpayment applied to the current assessment with the Form SIPC-7 on which it was originally computed noting no differences.

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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.

Ronald Blue & Co. CPAN and Consultants, UP

Santa Ana, California February 27, 2017

#### SCHEDULE OF SIPC ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS

Check #	Check Date	Vendor Name	Name Amount	
928	1/18/2017 SIPC		\$	686.73
932	2/24/2017 SIPC			12,753.10
		Total payments m	ade \$	13,439.83



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To the Members Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC Irvine, California

Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC (the Company) is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act under Section k(2)(i), since it promptly transmits all funds and delivers all securities received in connection with its activities as a broker or dealer, and does not otherwise hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers.

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

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board of the United States and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about the Company'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 above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the conditions set forth in paragraph k(2)(i) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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February 27, 2017

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### **Assertions Regarding Exemption Provisions**

We, as members of management of Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC (the "Company"), are responsible for compliance with the annual reporting requirements under Rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Those requirements compel a broker or dealer to file annual reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the broker or dealer's designated examining authority ("DEA"). One of the reports to be included in the annual filing is an exemption report prepared by an independent public accountant based upon a review of assertions provided by the broker or dealer. Pursuant to that requirement, the management of the Company hereby makes the following assertions:

#### **Identified Exemption Provision:**

The company claims exemption from the custody and reserve provision of Rule 15c3-3 by operating under the exemption provided by Rule 15c3-3, Paragraph (k)(2)(i).

#### **Statement Regarding Meeting Exemption Provision:**

The Company met the identified exemption provision without exception throughout the period January 1, 2016 ending December 31, 2016.

Steadfast Capital Markets Group, LLC

Phillip D. Meserve President & CEO

Dated: February 13, 2017