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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01.	/01/2016	AND ENDING 12/	31/2016
	MM/DD/YY		MM/DD/YY
A. REGIS	STRANT IDENTIFIC	ATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Benjamin S	ecurities Investment Co	ompany, Inc.	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSIN	ESS: (Do not use P.O. Bo	ox No.)	FIRM I.D. NO.
3603 Ridgeview Drive	(No. and Street)		
Missouri City	Texas		77459
(City)	(State)	(2	Cip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PER- Jeri Ann Smith	SON TO CONTACT IN R		ORT 408-307-9504 (Area Code – Telephone Number)
B. ACCO	UNTANT IDENTIFIC		(Area Code – Telephone Number)
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT who	ose opinion is contained in	this Report*	
Turner, Stone & Company, L.L.P.			
(N	ame – if individual, state last, fi	rst, middle name)	
12700 Park Central Drive, Suite 1400	Dallas	Texas	75251
(Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
CHECK ONE:			
Certified Public Accountant			
☐ Public Accountant			
☐ Accountant not resident in United	States or any of its posses	ssions.	
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<sup>\*</sup>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,	Jeri Ann Smith	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my l	knowledge and belief the accompanying financial star Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc.	tement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of_	December 31	20 16 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neith		al officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
	sified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:	
	SEE ATTACHED FOR NOTARIAL WORDING & SEAL	Jen Am Jail Jeh Um Junch Signature Vice President
	Carrie Ridgel Notary Public	Title
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	consolidation. (I) An Oath or Affirmation. (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report. (n) A report describing any material inadequacies four	nd to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

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

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 <u>Nevada</u>				
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 1 <sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017, by <u>Teri Ann 5mi4h</u>				
proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be person(s) who appeared before me.	the			
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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Stockholders of Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc. Missouri City, Texas

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended. The financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing 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 statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2016, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information contained in Schedule I (Schedules II, III and IV are not applicable) required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. 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 Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In our opinion, Schedule I is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Certified Public Accountants March 1, 2017

Turner, Stone & Company, L.L.P. Accountants and Consultants

Turus, Some & Grony, LLP

12-00 Park Central Drive, Suite 1400 Dallas, Texas = 5251 Telephone: 972-239-1660 (Facsimile: 972-239-1665)



# Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2016

ASSETS		
Cash and money market accounts	\$	25,562
Advisory fees receivable		5,923
Securities owned, at fair value		-
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$55,208		2,428
Capitalized software licenses, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,063		3,804
Prepaid expenses and deposits		6,000
Clearing deposit		11,362
Total assets	\$	43,717
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Shareholder payable	\$	6,658
Total liabilities		6,658
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Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, no par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized,		
17,778 shares issued and outstanding		160,001
Retained deficit	(	111,580)
Total stockholders' equity	<del></del>	48,421
	-	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	55,079

## **Statement of Operations**

# Year Ended December 31, 2016

Revenue:	
Investment advisory fees	\$ 57,452
Commissions	7,122
Total revenue	64,574
Expenses:	
Employee compensation and benefits	51,302
Regulatory fees	2,355
Professional fees	13,305
Amortization	2,063
Depreciation	5,238
Other expenses	1,456
Total expenses	75,719
Loss from operations before provision for income tax	(11,145)
Provision for federal income tax	-
Net loss	\$ (11,145)

# Statement of Stockholders' Equity Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Comme	on Stock	Retained Earnings	
-	Shares	Amount	(Deficit)	Total
Balances, December 31, 2015 Net loss	17,778	\$ 160,001	\$ (100,435) (11,145)	\$ 59,566 (11,145)
Balances, December 31, 2016	17,778	\$ 160,001	\$ (111,580)	\$ 48,421

## **Statement of Cash Flow**

# Year Ended December 31, 2016

Cash flows from operating activities:	×.	
Net income (loss)	\$	(11,145)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:	•	(,,
Depreciation		5,238
Amortization		2,063
Change in assets and liabilities		,
(Increase) decrease in advisory fees receivables		(316)
Increase (decrease) in shareholder payable		5,418
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and deposits		(5,690)
Net cash flows from operating activities		(4,432)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Increase in deposit account		-
Purchase of software license fixed assets		(5 <i>,</i> 868)
Purchase of property and equipment		-
Net cash flows from investing activities	<del> </del>	(5,868)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net cash flows from financing activities		-
Net decrease in cash		(10,300)
Cash, beginning of period		35,862
Cash, end of period	\$	25,562
	<u> </u>	25,502
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$	_
Cash paid for income tax	<u>ç</u>	
Cash paid for income tax	٧	-

### Note 1 - Organization and summary of significant accounting policies:

Following is a summary of our organization and significant accounting policies:

Organization and nature of business – Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc. (identified in these footnotes as "we" or the Company) is a Texas corporation incorporated on August 12, 1996. We are based in the Houston Gulf Coast area of Texas. We use December 31 as a fiscal year for financial reporting purposes. The Company is owned by Benjamin Smith and his daughter, Jeri Ann Smith and grandson, Cyrus Javadi:

Person	<b>Shares Owned</b>	Ownership %
Benjamin Smith	11,560	65%
Jeri Ann Smith	4,440	25%
Cyrus Javadi	1,778	10%
Total	17,778	100%

We are a broker-dealer registered with the SEC and are a member of FINRA and the Securities Investors Protection Corporation (SIPC). We have a fully disclosed correspondent agreement with Hill Securities, Inc. effective October 2, 1996. This agreement remains in effect.

Under Regulation 240.15c3-3(k)(2)(ii), the firm is exempt from regulation 15c3-3 because the firm meets all of the exemption requirements listed under 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii). This rule provides that it shall not be applicable to a broker or dealer:

(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 customers 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 requirement of Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4, as are customarily made and kept by a clearing broker or dealer.

**Basis of presentation** - The accounting and reporting policies of the Company conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applicable to broker-dealers, using the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, we consider all cash in banks, money market funds, and certificates of deposit with a maturity of less than three months when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Clearing deposit – As a condition to enter into the fully disclosed correspondent agreement, Hilltop Securities, Inc. required us to deposit \$10,000 with them. The agreement does not stipulate any restriction on the cash deposit. However, we consider the maintenance of this deposit necessary to the continuation of the correspondent agreement with Hilltop Securities, Inc. The value of the account at December 31, 2016 was \$11,362.

Fair value of financial instruments and derivative financial instruments - The carrying amounts of cash, receivables, and current liabilities approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these items. These fair value estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment, and, therefore, cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect these estimates. We do not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes, nor do we utilize derivative instruments in the management of our foreign exchange, commodity price or interest rate market risks.

Accounts receivable – Accounts receivable are evaluated by management periodically for collectability, and an allowance for doubtful accounts is provided based on prior experience and management's evaluation. At December 31, 2016, no allowance was deemed necessary.

**Revenue recognition** — Investment advisory fees and commissions are recorded as earned. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

**Property and equipment** – Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation computed principally using the straight line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Impairment of long-lived assets is recognized when the fair value of a long-lived asset is less than its carrying value. At the end of the current year, no impairment of long-lived assets had occurred, in management's opinion.

Federal income taxes – We are a "C" corporation under the Internal Revenue Code. Deferred income taxes are reported for timing differences between items of income or expense reported in the financial statements and those reported for income tax purposes in accordance with applicable FASB Topics regarding Accounting for Income Taxes, which require the use of the asset/liability method of accounting for income taxes. Deferred income taxes and tax benefits are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, and for tax loss and credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The Company provides deferred taxes for the estimated future tax effects attributable to temporary differences and carryforwards when realization is more likely than not.

### Note 2 - Property, Equipment & Capitalized Software

The following is a summary of property, equipment, and capitalized software licenses:

	December 31,	
Asset Listing	2016	
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 31,385	
Equipment		26,250
Software licenses	5,868	
Total		63,503
Less, accumulated depreciation and amortization		(57,271)
Total fixed assets, net	\$	6,232

Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31 2016 was \$7,301.

#### Note 3 - Federal income tax:

We follow applicable FASB Topics regarding Accounting for Income Taxes. Deferred income taxes reflect the net effect of (a) temporary difference between carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial purposes and the amounts used for income tax reporting purposes, and (b) net operating loss carryforwards. No net provision for refundable Federal income tax has been made in the accompanying statement of operations because no recoverable taxes were paid previously. Similarly, no deferred tax asset attributable to the net operating loss carryforward has been recognized, as it is not deemed likely to be realized. The net operating loss carryover as of December 31 2016 is \$2,065.

The provision for Federal income tax, using the expected rate of 15%, consists of the following:

	Year Ended December 31, 2016
Federal income tax attributable to:	
Current operations	\$ (11,145)
Timing difference, depreciation and amortization	7,301
Subtotal	(3,844)
Change in deferred tax valuation allowance	3,844
Net provision for Federal income tax	\$

#### Note 4 – Related party transactions:

At December 31, 2016, we had \$6,658 in related party debt in the form of shareholder payable.

\$5,868 of shareholder payable is a reimbursement for purchased made for capitalized software licenses used for investment advisory research payable to our majority shareholder Benjamin Smith. Under an expense sharing agreement, we share office space, computers, furniture and fixtures, and office supplies with Smith & Smith, Certified Public Accountants, which is owned by our majority shareholder, Benjamin Smith. Under the agreement, we are to pay \$1,500 per month to Smith & Smith for these shared expenses. The agreement allows for this amount to be forgiven by Smith & Smith. For the year ended December 31, 2016, we owe \$790 to Smith & Smith in shared expenses. Smith & Smith has forgiven the remaining liability and has the ability to pay those shared expenses.

#### Note 5 – Fidelity bond:

We carry a \$100,000 fidelity bond as required by FINRA.

#### Note 6 – Concentrations of credit risks:

The Company and its subsidiaries are engaged in various trading activities in which counterparties primarily include broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty.

In addition, we received a majority of our investment advisory fees from accounts associated with two clients during the year ended December 31, 2016. The top grossing client generated 51% of revenue and the next highest grossing client provided 14% of revenue, both in the form of investment advisory fees.

#### Note 7 – Net capital requirements:

The Company is subject to the SEC 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). At December 31, 2016, the Company had net capital of \$30,266 which was \$25,266 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was 22 percent.

#### Note 8 – Subsequent events:

In accordance with FASB pronouncements regarding subsequent events, we have evaluated subsequent events through the date of the auditors' report, the date on which these financial statements are available to be issued. We believe there are no subsequent events required to be disclosed pursuant to this pronouncement.

### Note 9 - New accounting pronouncements:

Recent accounting pronouncements which have not yet become effective have been evaluated by management and are not currently expected to have a material effect on our financial statements.

# Schedule I BENJAMIN SECURITIES INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.

# December 31, 2016

# Computation of Net Capital and Aggregate Indebtedness

Total stockholders' equity	\$ 48,421
Subordinated borrowings	-
Other (deductions) or allowable credits - deferred income taxes	-
Total capital and allowable subordinated borrowings	 48,421
Deductions and/or charges	
Non-allowable assets:	
Advisory fees receivable	(5,923)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(6,000)
Capitalized software licenses, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,063	(3,804)
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$55,208	(2,428)
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	 30,266
Haircuts on securities positions	
Marketable Securities	-
Undue concentrations	 
Net Capital	\$ 30,266
Aggregate indebtedness	
Total liabilities	\$ 6,658
Total aggregate indebtedness	\$ 6,658
Computation of basic net capital requirement	
Minimum net capital required (greater of \$5,000 or	
6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness)	\$ 5,000
Net capital in excess of minimum requirement	\$ 25,266
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	 22.00%

# Schedule I BENJAMIN SECURITIES INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.

# **December 31, 2016**

## Reconciliation of Computation of Net Capital

Net capital as reported by Registrant in Original Filing of		
Part IIA of Form X-17a-5 as of December 31, 2016 (unaudited)	\$	35,695
Adjustments made by Registrant prior to filing Amended Form X-17a-5	5:	
Adjustments affecting tentative net capital:		
Decrease in haircut for marketable securities		89
Decrease in allowable accounts recievable		(100)
Increase in shareholder payable		(5,418)
Net capital as computed above	\$	30,266

## Schedule I BENJAMIN SECURITIES INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.

#### December 31, 2016

# Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors

Balance of liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors:  Beginning of year  During the year	\$ -
End of year	\$ -

#### Statement Indicating the Exemption to 15c3-3 Claimed by the Firm

Under Regulation 240.15c3-3(k)(2)(ii), the firm is exempt from Regulation 15c3-3 because the firm meets all of the exemption requirements listed under 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii).

#### Possession or Control Requirement Under Rule 15c3-3

This broker is an introducing broker on a fully disclosed basis and was not in possession or control of any securities during the year ended December 31, 2016.

#### 1. Computation of Net Capital under Rule 15c3-1

- 2. Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirement Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3 for the Year Ended December 31, 2016
- 1. This broker did not receive, directly or indirectly, or hold funds or securities for, or owe funds or securities to customers, and does not carry accounts of, or for customers, and does not engage in any of the activities described in paragraph (a) (2)(l) through (v) of Section 15c3-1. Therefore as per Reg. 15c3-1 par a(s)(vi), the net capital requirement is \$5,000.
- 2. A computation for reserve requirements under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3 shows a zero reserve requirement.



## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders of Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc.

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report, in which (1) Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc. identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc. claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3, specifically 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) (the exemption provisions) and (2) Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc. stated that Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc. met identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc.'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 (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about Benjamin Securities Investment Company, 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 above 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.

Certified Public Accountants

Twee, Stone & Congry, LLP

March 1, 2017

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## Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc.

408-307-9504 jeriann@benjaminadvisors .com Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc. Exemption Report

3603 Ridgeview Drive Missouri City, TX 77459 Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc. 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:

- (1) 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)
- (2) The Company met the identified exemption provisions in 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3(k)(ii) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception

Benjamin Securities Investment Company, Inc.

I, Jeri Ann Smith, swear (or affirm) that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

Jeri Ann Smith

Vice President

March 1, 2017