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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGIN		AND ENDING	December 31, 2016 Date
	A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFI	CATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:	Independent Brokers, LL	C	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE	OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box N	0.)	FIRM I.D. NO.
55 Broad Street No. and Street)			
New York	NY (State)	10004 (Zip Cod	
City)		· •	
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBE	R OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REG	ARD TO THIS REPOR	
Robert Calamunci		<u>,</u>	732-2414686 (Area Code - Telephone No.)
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	B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIF	ICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUN	TANT whose opinion is contained in this	Report*	
Lerner & Sipkin, CPAs, LLP			
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle n	ame)		
132 Nassau Street (Address)	New York (City)	NY (State)	10038 (Zip Code)
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# **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

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	the firm of Independent Brokers, LLC
as of December 31, 2016, are true and correct.	I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any
partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any pro-	oprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a
customer, except as follows:	
RAFAEL L. MARTE	
Notary Public, State of New York No. 01MA6026293	
Qualified in Brony County	
Commission Expires: June 14, 2019	
	Signature
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$\Gamma$ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).	
(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.	
(c) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partne	
$f^{-}$ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Cl	laims of Creditors.
(g) Computation of Net Capital.	
$\Gamma$ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirement	ints Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
$\Gamma$ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Req	uirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
<ul> <li>(j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of Computation for Determination of the Reserve Require</li> </ul>	
(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited S consolidation.	Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
🛱 (l) An Oath or Affirmation.	
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	
$\Gamma$ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to	to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

## (A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Members of Independent Brokers LLC 55 Broad Street New York, NY 10004

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Independent Brokers LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2016. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the statement of financial condition 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 the statement of financial condition that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of 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 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 statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Independent Brokers LLC as of December 31, 2016 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

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Lerner & Sipkin CPAs, LLP Certified Public Accountants (NY)

New York, NY March 1, 2017

### (A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

## DECEMBER 31, 2016

## ASSETS

Cash	\$	770,518
Commissions receivable		438,714
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$147,784		70,582
Prepaid expenses		9,443
Security deposit	_	10,341
Total Assets	\$	1,299,598

## LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	17,358
Commissions payable	_	751,222
Total Liabilities	-	768,580
Member's equity	-	531,018
Total Liabilities and Member's Equity	\$_	1,299,598

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

#### (A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### 1. <u>Statement of Significant Accounting Policies</u>:

#### Organization:

Independent Brokers, LLC (A Limited Liability Company) was organized on September 20, 2004 under the laws of the State of New York and was authorized to do business in New York. The company is a registered broker under the Securities and Exchange Commission and became a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., formerly the National Association of Securities Dealers, in November 2005.

#### Concentration of Risk:

The company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which counterparties primarily consist of other broker dealers. In the event these counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the company may be exposed to certain risks. The risk of default depends upon the creditworthiness of the counterparties or issuers of the instrument.

The Company maintains accounts with Signature bank. The balances at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash equivalents are limited to short term, highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and of an original maturity of three months or less.

#### Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Repairs and maintenance charges, which do not increase the useful lives of assets, are charged to income as incurred. Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$2,931.

#### Use of Estimates:

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

#### (A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### 2. Property and Equipment

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Property and equipment consist of the following:

Leasehold improvements	\$ 95,300
Machinery and equipment	87,111
Furniture and fixtures	34,675
Computer software	 1,280
	 218,366
Less: Accumulated depreciation	147,784
	\$ 70,582

#### 3. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Credit Risk:

As a securities broker, the company is engaged in buying and selling securities for a diverse group of institutional and individual investors. The company's transactions are collateralized and are executed with and on behalf of banks, brokers and dealers and other financial institutions. The company introduces these transactions for clearance to other broker/dealers on a fully disclosed basis.

The company's exposure to credit risk associated with non-performance of customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets which may impair customers' ability to satisfy their obligations to the company and the company's ability to liquidate the collateral at an amount equal to the original contracted amount. The agreement between the company and its clearing brokers provides that the company is obligated to assume any exposure related to such non-performance by its customers. The company seeks to control the aforementioned risks by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory requirements and the clearing brokers internal guidelines. The company monitors its customers' activity by reviewing information it receives from its clearing brokers on a daily basis, and requiring customers to deposit additional collateral, or reduce positions when necessary.

#### 4. Commitments and Contingencies:

The company had no significant contingent liabilities requiring disclosure in the financial statements.

#### 5. <u>Subsequent Events</u>

The Company has performed an evaluation of events that occurred subsequent to December 31, 2016 and through March 1, 2017, the date of the filing of this report. There have been no material subsequent events that occurred during such period that would require disclosure in this report or would be required to be recognized in the financial statements as of December 31, 2016.