

ABN AMRO Clearing USA LLC

Statement of Financial Condition

June 30, 2023

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(In thousands)

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	16,648
Funds segregated for regulatory purposes		3,078,552
Securities owned, marketable, at fair value		15
Collateralized agreements:		
Securities borrowed		2,727,315
Receivables from:		
Brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$30)		4,632,714
Customers		1,369,687
Deposits with clearing organizations		631,977
Exchange memberships and stock, at adjusted cost (fair value \$39,812)		16,788
Operating lease right of use assets		12,114
Furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$37,947)		3,417
Other assets		15,679
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Total assets	\$	<u>12,504,906</u>

Liabilities and Members' Equity

Liabilities:		
Bank loans	\$	1,570,000
Collateralized agreements:		
Securities loaned		27,754
Payables to:		
Customers		5,261,398
Brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations		4,615,982
Noncustomers		1,727
Operating lease liabilities		16,940
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		151,276
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Total liabilities		11,645,077
Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors		325,000
Members' equity:		
Common member		534,679
Preferred Class A members		150
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Total members' equity		534,829
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Total liabilities and members' equity	\$	<u>12,504,906</u>

See accompanying notes to Statement of Financial Condition.

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(1) Organization and Nature of Operations

ABN AMRO Clearing USA LLC (the Company), a wholly owned subsidiary of ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V. (AACB), was organized as an Illinois limited liability company on June 30, 1997. Under the terms of the Limited Liability Company Agreement (the Agreement), the Company does not have a specific termination date and may be dissolved only as provided by the Agreement. No member of the Company is personally liable for any debit balances, liabilities, or other obligations of the Company.

AACB is a wholly owned subsidiary of ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (AAB) and is the sole Common Member. AAB is a wholly owned subsidiary of ABN AMRO Group N.V.

The Company is a registered securities broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. The Company is also a registered futures commission merchant with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the CFTC) and is a member of the National Futures Association. The Company is a clearing member of all principal U.S. securities and futures exchanges. The Company operates in one reportable operating segment, which provides clearing services and execution services for equities and equities options as well as futures and futures options. The Company's primary sources of revenue are interest and commissions derived from clearing orders for equities and equity options contracts and futures and futures options contracts on behalf of its customers, both domestically and internationally.

(2) Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying statement of financial condition is presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

(b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of statement of financial condition in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the statement of financial condition. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of deposits with banks and highly liquid marketable securities with a maturity of three months or less, that are not segregated and deposited for regulatory purposes.

Restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents included in funds segregated for regulatory purposes on the statement of financial condition represents cash and highly liquid marketable securities with a maturity of three months or less, segregated or set aside to satisfy requirements under both the Commodity Exchange Act (CEAct) and Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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(d) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments are recorded on a trade date basis and are reported in the statement of financial condition under securities owned at fair value in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. The estimated fair value of securities owned and securities sold are generally based on quoted market prices or dealer quotes. Open trade equity on futures contracts is recorded as receivables and payables to clearing organizations or customers, as appropriate. (See note 18 for more information related to fair value measurements.)

(e) Translation of Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to U.S. dollars at period-end exchange rates.

(f) Exchange Memberships and Stock

Exchange memberships and stock required to be held in connection with such memberships are recorded at cost, or if other than temporary impairment in value has occurred, at a value that reflects an adjustment for management's estimate of the impairment.

(g) Receivables, Payables, and Marketable Securities

Receivables from and payables to brokers, dealers, clearing organizations, customers and non-customers represent balances arising primarily in connection with security and commodity transactions, including unrealized gains and losses on open commodity futures contracts. Marketable securities, consisting primarily of U.S. government securities, are held as collateral for receivables from customers and as margin. The Company may deposit these securities as margin or clearing fund requirements with exchange clearing organizations. Customer-owned securities and options are not reflected in the statement of financial condition.

The Company monitors the receivables from and payables to brokers, dealers, clearing organizations, customers and non-customers on a daily basis and interest is accrued and is included in the statement of financial condition. Interest rates paid on the cash balances fluctuate with short-term interest rates.

The Company establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts based upon historical experience and specific customer collection issues. At June 30, 2023, the Company recorded an allowance for doubtful accounts on receivables from other brokers of \$30 thousand.

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(h) *Income Taxes*

The Company is organized as a limited liability company and is being taxed as a partnership under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company's taxable income is included in the respective income tax returns of the members. The liability for payment of federal and state income tax on the Company's earnings is the responsibility of its members rather than The Company. Accordingly, no liability for U.S. federal and state income tax has been recorded in the statement of financial condition. The company is responsible for franchise tax payments and/or entity level tax payments, such as, New York City's Unincorporated Business Tax (UBT). The Company accounts for uncertain tax positions by prescribing a minimum recognition threshold that a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the statement of financial condition. As of June 30, 2023 the Company has recorded no unrecognized tax benefits in the statement of financial condition and expects no significant increase or decrease within the next 12 months.

At June 30, 2023, the Company had federal and state income tax returns for the 2018 through 2021 tax years open and subject to examination.

(i) *Collateralized Financing*

Securities purchased under agreements to resell which are short term in nature, are accounted for as collateralized financing transactions and are carried at the amounts at which the underlying securities will be subsequently resold as specified in the respective agreements. It is the Company's policy to take possession of securities, subject to resale agreements. The fair value of the securities is determined daily and collateral added whenever necessary to bring the market value of the underlying collateral equal to or greater than the resale price specified in the contract.

Securities borrowed and securities loaned transactions are generally reported as collateralized financings and recorded at the amount of cash collateral advanced or received. Securities borrowed transactions require the Company to deposit cash collateral with the lender. When loaning securities, the Company receives cash collateral generally in excess of the market value of the securities loaned. The Company monitors the market value of securities borrowed and loaned on a daily basis with additional collateral obtained or refunded as necessary. Interest on such transactions is accrued and is included in the statement of financial condition in other assets. Interest rates paid on the cash collateral fluctuate with short-term interest rates.

(j) *Leases*

The Company recognizes and measures its leases in accordance with ASC 842, *Leases*. The Company is a lessee in several noncancellable operating leases, for office space and data center facilities. The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease, or contains a lease, at inception of a contract and when the terms of an existing contract are changed. The Company recognizes a lease liability and a right of use (ROU) asset at the commencement date of the lease. The lease liability is initially and subsequently recognized based on the present value of its future lease payments, including any lease extension or termination options that are expected to be exercised.

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The discount rate is the implicit rate if it is readily determinable or otherwise the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate. The implicit rates of the Company's leases are not readily determinable and accordingly, it uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the commencement date for all leases. The Company's incremental borrowing rate for a lease is the rate of interest it would have to pay on a collateralized basis to borrow an amount equal to the lease payments under similar terms and in a similar economic environment. The ROU asset is subsequently measured throughout the lease term at the amount of the remeasured lease liability (i.e., present value of the remaining lease payments), plus unamortized initial direct costs, plus (minus) any prepaid (accrued) lease payments, less the unamortized balance of lease incentives received, and any impairment recognized.

(k) Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

There are no new accounting standards not yet adopted that are material to the Company as of June 30, 2023.

(3) Funds Segregated for Regulatory Purposes

Cash of \$111.4 million, securities purchased under agreements to resell of \$1.7 billion, and U.S. government securities with a fair value of \$1.1 billion are segregated under the CEAct and represent funds deposited by customers and funds accruing to customers as a result of trades or contracts.

Cash of \$88.5 million has been segregated in special reserve accounts for the exclusive benefit of customers pursuant to federal regulations under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or agreements for proprietary accounts of broker-dealers.

(4) Receivables from and Payables to Brokers, Dealers, and Clearing Organizations

The Company does business with other broker-dealers who, for the most part, are members of the major U.S. securities exchanges. The Company monitors the credit standing of brokers and dealers and customers with whom it conducts business. In addition, the Company monitors the market value of collateral held and the market value of securities receivable from others. The Company seeks to obtain additional collateral if insufficient protection against loss exists.

Brokers' and dealers' trading and investment accounts cash and securities transactions are recorded on settlement date. The receivables are collateralized by brokers' and dealers' securities held, which are not reflected on the statement of financial condition.

At June 30, 2023, the market value of securities used to secure brokers' and dealers' margin balances was \$7.9 billion, of which \$4.7 billion was used to collateralize financing for the brokers' and dealers' margin balances.

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At June 30, 2023, receivables from and payables to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations are composed of the following, net of the allowance for doubtful accounts (in thousands):

	<i>Receivables</i>	<i>Payables</i>
Brokers' and dealers' trading and investment accounts	\$ 2,054,825	\$ 94,390
Clearing brokers	107,053	-
Securities failed to deliver/receive	7,929	23,531
Clearing organizations	2,462,233	4,496,633
Other	674	1,428
	\$ 4,632,714	\$ 4,615,982

(5) Receivables from and Payables to Customers

Receivables from and payables to customers include amounts due on cash and margin transactions. Customer cash, securities and commodities transactions are recorded on the settlement date. The receivables are collateralized by customers' securities held, which are not reflected on the statement of financial condition.

At June 30, 2023, the market value of customer securities held for futures customers was \$172.9 million, of which \$172.9 million has been pledged as margin at clearing organizations.

At June 30, 2023, the market value of securities used to secure equity customer margin balances was \$5.6 billion, of which \$1.7 billion was used to collateralize financing for the customer margin balances.

(6) Collateralized Transactions

The Company enters into reverse repurchase agreements, securities borrowed and securities loaned transactions to finance receivables from brokers' and dealers' and customer trading and investment accounts. The Company manages credit exposure from such transactions by entering into master netting agreements and collateral agreements with counterparties that provide the Company, in the event of a counterparty default (such as bankruptcy or a counterparty's failure to pay or perform), the right to net a counterparty's rights and obligations under such agreement and liquidate and setoff collateral against the net amount owed by the counterparty. However, for financial statement purposes, the Company does not net balances related to these financial instruments. The Company's policy is generally to take possession of securities purchased under agreements to resell and securities borrowed, and to receive securities and cash posted as collateral (with rights of rehypothecation). The Company also monitors the fair value of the underlying securities as compared with the related receivable or payable, including accrued interest, and, as necessary, requests additional collateral as provided under the applicable agreement to ensure such transactions are adequately collateralized.

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Securities borrowed and securities loaned transactions are for equities securities only and are recorded at the amount of the cash collateral advanced or received, the tenor of which is overnight, adjusted daily for additional collateral obtained or received. At June 30, 2023, the fair value of securities received as collateral for securities borrowing and pledged for securities lending transactions was \$2.7 billion and \$26.3 million, respectively.

At June 30, 2023, the fair value of the collateral received for reverse repurchase agreements, included in the statement of financial condition under securities purchased under agreements to resell and within funds segregated for regulatory purposes, totaled \$0 and \$1.7 billion, respectively. The Company seeks to mitigate mark-to-market risk by taking collateral in the form of U.S. government securities, the tenor of which is open and callable on demand. The Company only enters into reverse repurchase agreements and there is no counterparty netting impact.

The following table presents information about the potential effect of rights of setoff associated with the Company's recognized assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2023 (in thousands):

	Gross amounts of assets and liabilities presented in the statement of financial condition	Gross amounts not offset	Net amounts of recognized assets and liabilities
Securities borrowed	\$ 2,727,315	\$ 769	\$ 2,726,546
Securities loaned	27,754	769	26,985

(7) Securities Owned

Securities owned consisted of unrestricted shares of corporate equity securities.

(8) Furniture, Equipment, and Leasehold Improvements

Furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements consisted of the following at June 30, 2023 (in thousands):

Computer, equipment, and software	\$ 31,265
Leasehold improvements	9,212
Furniture and fixtures	887
	<u>41,364</u>
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(37,947)</u>
Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements	<u>\$ 3,417</u>

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(9) Borrowings

At June 30, 2023, the Company had two unsecured lines of credit with affiliated banks for \$4.5 billion and \$675.0 million. At June 30, 2023, the amount outstanding on these credit lines totaled \$1.3 billion and \$270 million, respectively and are reflected in bank loans in the statement of financial condition. Interest payable totaled approximately \$9.3 million at June 30, 2023. Interest payable is reflected in the statement of financial condition under accounts payable and accrued expenses.

The Company has secured lines of credit totaling \$325.0 million with nonaffiliated banks. These loans are secured and are collateralized by brokers' and dealers' and customer margin securities. At June 30, 2023, there were no amounts outstanding on these credit lines. The Company has an unsecured line of credit totaling \$75.0 million with a nonaffiliated bank. At June 30, 2023, there was no amount outstanding on this credit line. Interest payable is minimal at June 30, 2023 and is reflected in the statement of financial condition under accounts payable and accrued expenses.

(10) Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors

At June 30, 2023, liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors consisted of one borrowing from an affiliated bank pursuant to an equity capital loan agreement. The agreement expires on November 20, 2024. The total outstanding borrowing totaled \$325.0 million at June 30, 2023.

The Company also has a Subordinated Revolving Credit Facility with an affiliated bank up to a maximum of \$150.0 million that matures one year from the date of the advance. This Subordinated Revolving Credit Facility will terminate on March 17, 2025. At June 30, 2023 there were no amounts outstanding.

The liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors are covered by an agreement approved by the Designated Self Regulatory Organizations and Designated Examining Authority and are thus available in computing net capital under the SEC's uniform net capital rule. To the extent that such borrowing is required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, they may not be repaid. Interest payable totaled approximately \$817 thousand at June 30, 2023. Interest payable is reflected in the statement of financial condition under accounts payable and accrued expenses.

(11) Employee Benefit Plan

The Company has established a salary reduction (401(k)) plan for qualified employees. The Company may elect to match employees' contributions and make further discretionary contributions to the plan, subject to certain limitations as set forth in the plan agreement.

(12) Financial Derivative Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk

In the normal course of business, the Company accepts and clears futures contracts and options on futures contracts for the accounts of its customers, primarily exchange members and institutional firms. As such, the Company guarantees to the respective clearing houses or other brokers, its customers' performance under these contracts. To reduce its risk, the Company requires its customers to meet, at minimum, the

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margin requirement established by each of the exchanges at which contracts are traded. Margin requirements for exchange members may be significantly less than those required from other customers. Margin is a good faith deposit from the customer that reduces risk to the Company of failure on behalf of the customer to fulfill any obligation under these contracts. To minimize its exposure to risk of loss due to market variation, the Company adjusts these margin requirements as needed.

Customers may also be required to deposit additional funds, securities, or other collateral. As a result of market variation, the Company may satisfy margin requirements by liquidating certain customer positions. Management believes that the margin deposits and collateral held at June 30, 2023 were adequate to minimize the risk of material loss that could be created by positions held at that time.

The Company is engaged in various trading activities, whose counterparties include clearing organizations, brokers and dealers, futures commission merchants, 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 credit worthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the financial instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty with which it conducts business.

(13) Leases

The Company has obligations as a lessee for office space and data center facilities with initial noncancelable terms in excess of one year. The Company classified these leases as operating leases. One of the office space leases contains renewal options for periods ranging from five to ten years. The Company is reasonably certain to exercise one of these renewal options, and as such, the optional periods are included in determining the lease term and associated payments under these renewal options are included in lease payments. The data center facilities leases contain monthly renewal options. The Company is reasonably certain to exercise these renewal options for an estimable period of time, and as such, the optional periods are included in determining the lease term and the associated payments under these renewal options. The Company's leases do include termination options for either party to the lease or restrictive financial or other covenants. Payments due under the lease contracts include fixed payments.

The weighted-average remaining lease term was 9.88 years and the weighted average discount rate was 3.9% for the operating leases as of June 30, 2023.

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Maturities of lease liabilities under noncancellable operating leases as of June 30, 2023 are as follows (in thousands):

Remainder of 2023	\$	1,290
2024		2,614
2025		2,639
2026		1,782
2027		1,734
Thereafter		12,580
 Total lease payments		 22,639
 Less imputed interest		 (5,699)
 Present value of lease liability	 \$	 16,940

(14) Guarantees and Indemnifications

Under certain exchange or clearinghouse membership agreements, members are generally required to guarantee the performance of other members by meeting any shortfalls in the event a member becomes unable to satisfy their obligation to the exchange or clearinghouse. To mitigate this risk, the exchanges and clearinghouses typically require their members to deposit collateral with them. The Company's maximum potential liability under these arrangements cannot be quantified. However, the potential for the Company to be required to make payments under the arrangements is remote. Accordingly, no contingent liability is recorded in the accompanying statement of financial condition.

The Company clears and executes futures contracts, options on futures contracts, and equity products, including options for the accounts of its customers. As such, the Company deposits performance bond collateral with the applicable clearing organizations to fulfill the obligations of its customers' performance under these contracts. To reduce its operational risk, the Company requires its customers to meet, at a minimum, the margin requirements established by each exchange on which the contract is traded. This margin is a good faith deposit from the customer. To minimize its market and credit risks, the Company adjusts the amount of margin required commensurate with the level of risk associated with the customers' underlying positions. If necessary, the Company may liquidate certain positions in order to satisfy minimum margin requirements. Management believes that the margin deposits held at June 30, 2023 are adequate to mitigate the risk of material loss.

(15) Members' Equity

The limited liability company operating agreement for the Company provides for two classes of membership with varying rights, preferences, privileges, and obligations. The Common Member has all of the voting rights and authority to manage the Company's operations and the Preferred Members have no voting rights and do not participate in management by reason of such memberships or interests. The

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Company is authorized to issue 1,000 Class A preferred interests in exchange for a \$10,000 capital contribution for each such interest. Class A members have a Joint Back Office (JBO) clearing agreement with the Company. This agreement allows JBO participants to receive favorable margin treatment as compared to the full customer margin requirements of Regulation T. As part of this agreement, Class A members are not allocated any income or losses from the Company's operations. As of June 30, 2023, the Company has issued 15 Class A preferred interests and has 985 available to be issued.

(16) Related-Party Transactions

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into transactions with affiliated companies. The Company executes and clears trades for related customers and noncustomers and earns certain commissions and fees in connection with these services. The Company also utilizes related clearing brokers to execute and clear futures transactions on exchanges where the Company is not a member, for which it incurs brokerage and clearing charges. Balances related to these transactions are reflected in the statement of financial condition under receivables from and payables to customers, brokers, dealers and clearing organizations and noncustomers. The Company also receives guarantees from affiliated companies for certain counterparty relationships related to clearing transactions.

The Company enters into short-term reverse repurchase agreements with affiliates in connection with collateralized transactions. These agreements are primarily to acquire securities needed for clearing organization margin deposits or to invest excess cash from operating activities. Reverse repurchase agreements are reflected in the statement of financial condition under securities purchased under agreements to resell and are as set forth in the table below.

The Company also had securities borrowed and securities loaned transactions with affiliated companies. Securities borrowed and securities loaned transactions with affiliates are recorded at the amount of cash collateral advanced or received and are as set forth in the table below. The Company primarily borrows from third party counterparties and lends to affiliates. Interest on such transactions is accrued and is included in the statement of financial condition in other assets and accounts payable and accrued expenses.

At June 30, 2023, the Company had borrowing transactions with affiliated banks in order to facilitate client transactions, and to meet short-term financing needs (notes 9 and 10).

The Company is party to a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with affiliates under which the Company receives services for operational and administrative support.

The Company has \$0.4 million invested in an affiliated company. This amount is reflected in other assets in the statement of financial condition.

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The following table sets forth the Company’s related party assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2023 (in thousands):

	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	-	-
Securities borrowed/loaned	-	26,816
Bank Loans	-	1,570,000
Customer receivable/payables	-	2,766,077
Noncustomer payables	-	1,720
Clearing broker receivables	93,723	-
Other assets	991	-
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	-	11,135
	\$ 94,714	\$ 4,375,748

(17) Net Capital Requirements

The Company is a broker-dealer subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) and is a futures commission merchant subject to the CFTC Minimum Capital Requirement (Regulation 1.17). Under the more restrictive of these rules, the Company is required to maintain “net capital” equivalent to the greater of \$5 million, 2% of “aggregate debit items” or the sum of 8% of the customer risk maintenance margin requirement plus 8% of the noncustomer risk maintenance margin requirement, as these terms are defined.

Adjusted net capital, aggregate debit items, and risk maintenance margin requirements change from day to day. At June 30, 2023, under the more restrictive of these rules, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$730.3 million and \$205.6 million, respectively. The net capital rule may effectively restrict member withdrawals and the repayment of subordinated loans.

(18) Fair Value Disclosure

The Company’s financial instruments are reported in the statement of financial condition at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements and disclosures include a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

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, as specified by ASC 820, are used to measure fair value.

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ASC 820 establishes a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value into three broad levels that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available:

- Level 1 Inputs: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the reporting date.
- Level 2 Inputs: Other than quoted prices included with Level 1 that are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 assets include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities that are not active; and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, such as models or other valuation methodologies.
- Level 3 Inputs: Unobservable inputs for the valuation of the asset or liability. Level 3 assets include investments for which there is little, if any, market activity. These inputs require significant management judgment or estimation.

The following table presents the Company's fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2023 (in thousands):

Assets:	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Funds segregated for regulatory Purposes				
U.S. government securities	1,144,509	-	-	1,144,509
Securities owned				
Corporate equity securities	15	-	-	15
	<u>\$ 1,144,524</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 1,144,524</u>

There were no transfers of assets or liabilities within the fair value hierarchy during the year.

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(19) Litigation

On November 30, 2020, an amended complaint for trading in United States Oil Fund, LP (“USO”) was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Plaintiffs alleged that the authorized participants, including the Company, violated §11 of the Securities Act of 1933, because Plaintiffs believe that the registration statement was false and misleading and omitted various material facts. Plaintiffs further alleged that the authorized participants, including the Company, were responsible for the content and dissemination of the registration statement and that none of the authorized participants made a reasonable investigation into the statements contained in the registration statement. This complaint was related to activity in USO from the end of February 2020 through the end of April 2020. The complaint was amended to include the authorized participants, a group that includes the Company. The authorized participants will proceed with a joint defense group and currently are being indemnified. The defense group filed its motion to dismiss in early 2021. There have been no material rulings in this matter to date.

In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to litigation and regulatory proceedings. Management of the Company, after consultation with legal counsel, believes that the outcome of such proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial position.

(20) Subsequent Events

The Company evaluated events and transactions through August 23, 2023, the date the statement of financial condition were issued, noting no subsequent events requiring recording or disclosure in the statement of financial condition or in related notes to the statement of financial condition as of June 30, 2023.