

# STIFEL NICOLAUS

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (Unaudited)

As of June 30, 2015

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*(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)*

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 67,976
Cash segregated for regulatory purposes	141
Receivables:	
Brokerage clients, net	540,537
Brokers, dealers and clearing organizations	757,915
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	242,944
Financial instruments owned, at fair value	922,943
Investments, at fair value	75,586
Due from Parent and affiliates	19,744
Deferred tax assets, net	110,183
Loans and advances to financial advisors and other employees, net	212,274
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	310,726
Other assets	204,811
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,465,780</b>
<b>Liabilities and stockholder's equity</b>	
Short-term borrowings	\$ 465,648
Payables:	
Brokerage clients	369,838
Brokers, dealers and clearing organizations	96,651
Drafts	54,088
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	342,350
Financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, at fair value	539,523
Accrued compensation	157,474
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	128,747
Due to Parent and affiliates	150,864
	2,305,183
Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors	35,000
<b>Stockholder's equity</b>	
Common stock – par value \$1; authorized 30,000 shares; outstanding 1,000 shares	1
Additional paid-in-capital	837,602
Retained earnings	287,994
	1,125,597
<b>Total liabilities and stockholder's equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,465,780</b>

*See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition.*

**STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED**  
**Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition (Unaudited)**

**NOTE 1 – Nature of Operations and Basis of Presentation**

***Nature of Operations***

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (“Stifel”), is principally engaged in retail brokerage, securities trading, investment banking, investment advisory, and related financial services throughout the United States. Although we have offices throughout the United States, our major geographic area of concentration is in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions, with a growing presence in the Northeast, Southeast and Western United States. We provide securities brokerage services, including the sale of equities, mutual funds, fixed income products, insurance, and banking products to our clients. We are a wholly-owned subsidiary of Stifel Financial Corp. (the “Parent”). We are a registered broker-dealer and investment advisor under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), a member of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”).

***Basis of Presentation***

The consolidated statement of financial condition includes Stifel and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All material inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated. Unless otherwise indicated, the terms “we,” “us,” “our,” or “our company” in this report refer to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated and its wholly-owned subsidiaries.

The accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition has been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which require management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts. We consider significant estimates, which are most susceptible to change and impacted significantly by judgments, assumptions, and estimates, to be: valuation of financial instruments; accrual for contingencies; fair value of goodwill and intangible assets; and income tax reserves. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Consolidation Policies***

The consolidated statement of financial condition includes the accounts of Stifel and its subsidiaries. We also have investments or interests in other entities for which we must evaluate whether to consolidate by determining whether we have a controlling financial interest or are considered to be the primary beneficiary. In determining whether to consolidate these entities, we evaluate whether the entity is a voting interest entity or a variable interest entity (“VIE”).

***Voting Interest Entity.*** Voting interest entities are entities that have (i) total equity investment at risk sufficient to fund expected future operations independently, and (ii) equity holders who have the obligation to absorb losses or receive residual returns and the right to make decisions about the entity’s activities. We consolidate voting interest entities when we determine that there is a controlling financial interest, usually ownership of all, or a majority of, the voting interest.

***Variable Interest Entity.*** VIEs are entities that lack one or more of the characteristics of a voting interest entity. We are required to consolidate VIEs in which we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary is defined as the entity that has a variable interest, or a combination of variable interests, that maintains control and receives benefits or will absorb losses that are not pro rata with its ownership interests.

We determine whether we are the primary beneficiary of a VIE by first performing a qualitative analysis of the VIE’s control structure, expected benefits and losses and expected residual returns. This analysis includes a review of, among other factors, the VIE’s capital structure, contractual terms, which interests create or absorb benefits or losses, variability, related party relationships, and the design of the VIE. Where a qualitative analysis is not conclusive, we perform a quantitative analysis. We reassess our initial evaluation of an entity as a VIE and our initial determination of whether we are the primary beneficiary of a VIE upon the occurrence of certain reconsideration events. See Note 16 for additional information on variable interest entities.

## **NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

We consider money market mutual funds and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are not segregated to be cash equivalents. Due to the short-term nature of these instruments, carrying value approximates their fair value.

### ***Cash Segregated for Regulatory Purposes***

We are subject to Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which requires our company to maintain cash or qualified securities in a segregated reserve account for the exclusive benefit of its clients. In accordance with Rule 15c3-3, our company has portions of its cash segregated for the exclusive benefit of clients at June 30, 2015.

### ***Brokerage Client Receivables, net***

Brokerage client receivables, primarily consisting of amounts due on cash and margin transactions collateralized by securities owned by clients, are charged interest at rates similar to other such loans made throughout the industry. The receivables are reported at their outstanding principal balance net of allowance for doubtful accounts. When a brokerage client receivable is considered to be impaired, the amount of the impairment is generally measured based on the fair value of the securities acting as collateral, which is measured based on current prices from independent sources such as listed market prices or broker-dealer price quotations. Securities owned by customers, including those that collateralize margin or other similar transactions, are not reflected in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

### ***Securities Borrowed and Securities Loaned***

Securities borrowed require our company to deliver cash to the lender in exchange for securities and are included in receivables from brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations in the consolidated statement of financial condition. For securities loaned, we receive collateral in the form of cash in an amount equal to the market value of securities loaned. Securities loaned are included in payables to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations in the consolidated statement of financial condition. We monitor the market value of securities borrowed and loaned on a daily basis, with additional collateral obtained or refunded as necessary. Fees received or paid are recorded in interest revenue or interest expense.

Substantially all of these transactions are executed under master netting agreements, which gives us right of offset in the event of counterparty default; however, such receivables and payables with the same counterparty are not set-off in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

### ***Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell***

Securities purchased under agreements to resell (“resale agreements”) are collateralized financing transactions that are recorded at their contractual amounts plus accrued interest. We obtain control of collateral with a market value equal to or in excess of the principal amount loaned and accrued interest under resale agreements. These agreements are short-term in nature and are collateralized by U.S. government agency securities. We value collateral on a daily basis, with additional collateral obtained when necessary to minimize the risk associated with this activity.

### ***Financial Instruments***

We measure certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis, including cash equivalents, financial instruments owned, investments and financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased. Other than those separately discussed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, the remaining financial instruments are generally short-term in nature and their carrying values approximate fair value.

### ***Fair Value Hierarchy***

The fair value of a financial instrument is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e. “the exit price”) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. We have categorized our financial instruments measured at fair value into a three-level classification in accordance with Topic 820, “*Fair Value Measurement*” which established a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value 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. Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from independent

sources. Unobservable inputs reflect our assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on the transparency of inputs as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the measurement date. A quoted price for an identical asset or liability in an active market provides the most reliable fair value measurement because it is directly observable to the market.

Level 2 – Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the measurement date. The nature of these financial instruments include instruments for which quoted prices are available but traded less frequently, derivative instruments whose fair value have been derived using a model where inputs to the model are directly observable in the market, or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data, and instruments that are fair valued using other financial instruments, the parameters of which can be directly observed.

Level 3 – Instruments that have little to no pricing observability as of the measurement date. These financial instruments do not have two-way markets and are measured using management’s best estimate of fair value, where the inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

#### *Valuation of Financial Instruments*

When available, we use observable market prices, observable market parameters, or broker or dealer prices (bid and ask prices) to derive the fair value of financial instruments. In the case of financial instruments transacted on recognized exchanges, the observable market prices represent quotations for completed transactions from the exchange on which the financial instrument is principally traded.

A substantial percentage of the fair value of our financial instruments are based on observable market prices, observable market parameters, or derived from broker or dealer prices. The availability of observable market prices and pricing parameters can vary from product to product. Where available, observable market prices and pricing or market parameters in a product may be used to derive a price without requiring significant judgment. In certain markets, observable market prices or market parameters are not available for all products, and fair value is determined using techniques appropriate for each particular product. These techniques involve some degree of judgment.

For investments in illiquid or privately held securities that do not have readily determinable fair values, the determination of fair value requires us to estimate the value of the securities using the best information available. Among the factors we consider in determining the fair value of investments are the cost of the investment, terms and liquidity, developments since the acquisition of the investment, the sales price of recently issued securities, the financial condition and operating results of the issuer, earnings trends and consistency of operating cash flows, the long-term business potential of the issuer, the quoted market price of securities with similar quality and yield that are publicly traded, and other factors generally pertinent to the valuation of investments. In instances where a security is subject to transfer restrictions, the value of the security is based primarily on the quoted price of a similar security without restriction but may be reduced by an amount estimated to reflect such restrictions. The fair value of these investments is subject to a high degree of volatility and may be susceptible to significant fluctuation in the near term and the differences could be material.

The degree of judgment used in measuring the fair value of financial instruments generally correlates to the level of pricing observability. Pricing observability is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, whether the financial instrument is new to the market and not yet established, and the characteristics specific to the transaction. Financial instruments with readily available active quoted prices for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of pricing observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. Conversely, financial instruments rarely traded or not quoted will generally have less, or no, pricing observability and a higher degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. See Note 4 for additional information on how we value our financial instruments.

#### ***Investments***

The fair value of marketable investments is generally based on either quoted market or dealer prices. The fair value of non-marketable securities is based on management’s estimate using the best information available, which generally consists of quoted market prices for similar securities and internally developed discounted cash flow models.

Investments in the consolidated statement of financial condition contain investments in securities that are marketable and securities that are not readily marketable. These investments are not included in our inventory and represent the acquiring and disposing of debt or equity instruments for our benefit and not for resale to our customers.

### ***Goodwill and Intangible Assets***

Goodwill represents the cost of acquired businesses in excess of the fair value of the related net assets acquired. We test goodwill for impairment on an annual basis and on an interim basis when certain events or circumstances exist. We test for impairment at the reporting unit level, which is generally at the level of or one level below our company's business segments. For both the annual and interim tests, we have the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether the existence of events or circumstances leads to a determination that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, we determine it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is greater than its carrying amount, then performing the two-step impairment test is not required. However, if we conclude otherwise, we are then required to perform the first step of the two-step impairment test. Goodwill impairment is determined by comparing the estimated fair value of a reporting unit with its respective carrying value. If the estimated fair value exceeds the carrying value, goodwill at the reporting unit level is not deemed to be impaired. If the estimated fair value is below carrying value, however, further analysis is required to determine the amount of the impairment. Additionally, if the carrying value of a reporting unit is zero or a negative value and it is determined that it is more likely than not the goodwill is impaired, further analysis is required. The estimated fair values of the reporting units are derived based on valuation techniques we believe market participants would use for each of the reporting units. We have elected July 31 as our annual impairment testing date.

Identifiable intangible assets, which are amortized over their estimated useful lives, are tested for potential impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances suggest that the carrying value of an asset or asset group may not be fully recoverable. See Note 6 for further discussion.

### ***Loans and Advances***

We offer transition pay, principally in the form of upfront loans, to financial advisors and certain key revenue producers as part of our company's overall growth strategy. These loans are generally forgiven over a five- to ten-year period if the individual satisfies certain conditions, usually based on continued employment and certain performance standards. We monitor and compare individual financial advisor production to each loan issued to ensure future recoverability. If the individual leaves before the term of the loan expires or fails to meet certain performance standards, the individual is required to repay the balance. In determining the allowance for doubtful receivables from former employees, management considers the facts and circumstances surrounding each receivable, including the amount of the unforgiven balance, the reasons for the terminated employment relationship, and the former employees' overall financial situation.

### ***Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase***

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase ("repurchase agreements") are collateralized financing transactions that are recorded at their contractual amounts plus accrued interest. We make delivery of securities sold under agreements to repurchase and monitor the value of collateral on a daily basis. When necessary, we will deliver additional collateral.

### ***Legal Loss Allowances***

We record loss allowances related to legal proceedings resulting from lawsuits and arbitrations, which arise from our business activities. Some of these lawsuits and arbitrations claim substantial amounts, including punitive damage claims. Management has determined that it is likely that the ultimate resolution of certain of these claims will result in losses to our company. We have, after consultation with outside legal counsel and consideration of facts currently known by management, recorded estimated losses to the extent we believe certain claims are probable of loss and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. This determination is inherently subjective, as it requires estimates that are subject to potentially significant revision as more information becomes available and due to subsequent events. Factors considered by management in estimating our liability is the loss and damages sought by the claimant/plaintiff, the merits of the claim, the amount of loss in the client's account, the possibility of wrongdoing on the part of the employee of our company, the total cost of defending the litigation, the likelihood of a successful defense against the claim, and the potential for fines and penalties from regulatory agencies. Results of litigation and arbitration are inherently uncertain, and management's assessment of risk associated therewith is subject to change as the proceedings evolve. After discussion with counsel,

management, based on its understanding of the facts, accrues what they consider appropriate to provide loss allowances for certain claims, which is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

### ***Income Taxes***

We are included in the consolidated federal and certain state income tax returns filed by the Parent. Our portion of the consolidated current income tax liability, computed on a separate return basis pursuant to a tax sharing agreement and our stand-alone tax liability or receivable are included in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

We compute income taxes using the asset and liability method, under which deferred income taxes are provided for the temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax basis of our company's assets and liabilities. We establish a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not that these items will either expire before we are able to realize their benefits, or that future deductibility is uncertain.

We recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the consolidated statement of financial condition from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

### ***Recently Adopted Accounting Guidance***

#### *Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value per Share*

In May 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2015-07, "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)." The guidance removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient. The guidance also removes the requirement to make certain disclosures for all investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the net asset value per share practical expedient. Rather, those disclosures are limited to investments for which the entity has elected to measure the fair value using that practical expedient. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 and for interim periods within those years. The guidance shall be applied retrospectively for all periods presented. Early application is permitted. The guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated statement of financial condition.

#### *Consolidation*

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02, "Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis" that amends the criteria for determining whether limited partnerships and similar entities are VIEs, clarifies when a general partner or asset manager should consolidate an entity and eliminates the indefinite deferral of certain aspects of VIE accounting guidance for investments in certain investment funds. Money market funds registered under Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act and similar funds are exempt from consolidation under the new guidance. The new accounting guidance is effective beginning on January 1, 2016. Early adoption is permitted; however, we do not expect to adopt this new guidance early. The guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated statement of financial condition.

#### *Repurchase Agreements*

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-11, "Transfers and Servicing (Topic 860): Repurchase-to-Maturity Transactions, Repurchase Financings, and Disclosures," ("ASU 2014-11") amending FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 860, "Transfers and Servicing." The amended guidance changes the accounting for repurchase-to-maturity transactions and repurchase financing arrangements. The guidance also requires new disclosures for certain transfers accounted for as sales and collateral supporting transactions that are accounted for as secured borrowings. ASU 2014-11 is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2014, except for the disclosures related to secured borrowings, which are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2014, and for interim periods beginning after March 15, 2015. The adoption of ASU 2014-11 did not have a material impact on our consolidated statement of financial condition.

### NOTE 3 – Receivables From and Payables to Brokers, Dealers and Clearing Organizations

Amounts receivable from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations at June 30, 2015, included (*in thousands*):

Deposits paid for securities borrowed	\$	470,497
Receivable from clearing organizations		264,766
Securities failed to deliver		22,652
	\$	<u>757,915</u>

Amounts payable to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations at June 30, 2015, included (*in thousands*):

Deposits received from securities loaned	\$	59,871
Securities failed to receive		21,583
Payable to clearing organizations		15,197
	\$	<u>96,651</u>

Deposits paid for securities borrowed approximate the market value of the securities. Securities failed to deliver and receive represent the contract value of securities that have not been delivered or received on settlement date.

### NOTE 4 – Fair Value Measurements

We measure certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis, including cash equivalents, financial instruments owned, investments and financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased.

The following describes the valuation techniques and key inputs used to measure fair value on a recurring basis:

#### *Cash Equivalents*

Cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Due to their short-term nature, the carrying amount of these instruments approximates the estimated fair value. Actively traded money market funds are measured at their reported net asset value, which approximates fair value. As such, we classify the estimated fair value of these instruments as Level 1.

#### *Financial Instruments Owned*

When available, the fair value of financial instruments are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments and reported in Level 1. Level 1 financial instruments include highly liquid instruments with quoted prices, such as equity securities listed in active markets, corporate fixed income securities, and U.S. government securities.

If quoted prices are not available for identical instruments, fair values are obtained from pricing services, broker quotes, or other model-based valuation techniques with observable inputs such as the present value of estimated cash flows and reported as Level 2. The nature of these financial instruments include instruments for which quoted prices are available but traded less frequently, instruments whose fair value have been derived using a model where inputs to the model are directly observable in the market, or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data, and instruments that are fair valued using other financial instruments, the parameters of which can be directly observed. Level 2 financial instruments generally include U.S. government agency securities, mortgage-backed securities, corporate fixed income and equity securities infrequently traded, state and municipal securities.

Level 3 financial instruments have little to no pricing observability as of the report date. These financial instruments do not have active two-way markets and are measured using management's best estimate of fair value, where the inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. We have identified Level 3 financial instruments to include mortgage-backed securities and equity securities with unobservable pricing inputs. We value these financial instruments, where there was less frequent or nominal market activity or when we were able to obtain only a single broker quote, using prices from comparable securities.

#### *Investments*

Corporate equity securities and mutual funds are valued based on quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments and reported in Level 1. Investments in non-public companies, partnership interests with unobservable inputs and auction-rate securities ("ARS") for which the market has been dislocated and largely ceased to function are reported as Level 3 assets.

ARS represent securities in less liquid markets requiring significant management assumptions when determining fair value. Due to the lack of a robust secondary auction-rate securities market with active fair value indicators, fair value for all periods presented was determined using an income approach based on an internally developed discounted cash flow model. The unobservable inputs are valued using management's best estimate of fair value, where the inputs require significant management judgment.

Other investments include our limited partnership interests in investment partnerships and direct investments in non-public companies. The net assets of investment partnerships consist primarily of investments in non-marketable securities. The value of these investments is at risk to changes in equity markets, general economic conditions, and a variety of other factors. We estimate fair value for private equity investments based on our percentage ownership in the net asset value of the entire fund, as reported by the fund or on behalf of the fund, after indication that the fund adheres to applicable fair value measurement guidance. For those funds where the net asset value is not reported by the fund, we derive the fair value of the fund by estimating the fair value of each underlying investment in the fund. In addition to using qualitative information about each underlying investment, as provided by the fund, we give consideration to information pertinent to the specific nature of the debt or equity investment, such as relevant market conditions, offering prices, operating results, financial conditions, exit strategy, and other qualitative information, as available. The lack of an independent source to validate fair value estimates, including the impact of future capital calls and transfer restrictions, is an inherent limitation in the valuation process.

#### *Financial Instruments Sold, But Not Yet Purchased*

Financial instruments sold but not purchased are recorded at fair value based on quoted prices in active markets and other observable market data are reported as Level 1. Financial instruments sold but not yet purchased include highly liquid instruments with quoted prices such as U.S. government securities, corporate fixed income and equity securities listed in active markets.

If quoted prices are not available, fair values are obtained from pricing services, broker quotes, or other model-based valuation techniques with observable inputs such as the present value of estimated cash flows and reported as Level 2. The nature of these financial instruments include instruments for which quoted prices are available but traded less frequently, instruments whose fair value have been derived using a model where inputs to the model are directly observable in the market, or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data, and instruments that are fair valued using other financial instruments, the parameters of which can be directly observed. Level 2 financial instruments generally include U.S. government agency securities, mortgage-backed securities and equity securities not actively traded, and state and municipal securities.

The following table summarizes the valuation of our financial instruments by pricing observability levels as of June 30, 2015 (*in thousands*):

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash equivalents	\$ 15	15	—	—
<b>Financial instruments owned:</b>				
U.S. government agency securities	152,894	—	152,894	—
U.S. government securities	28,280	28,280	—	—
Mortgage-backed securities:				
Agency	259,968	—	259,968	—
Non-agency	16,377	—	15,707	670
Corporate securities:				
Fixed income securities	265,826	30,389	235,437	—
Equity securities	24,622	23,892	111	619
State and municipal securities	174,976	—	174,976	—
Total financial instruments owned	<u>922,943</u>	<u>82,561</u>	<u>839,093</u>	<u>1,289</u>
<b>Investments:</b>				
Corporate equity securities	3,911	3,911	—	—
Mutual funds	14,907	14,907	—	—
Auction rate securities:				
Equity securities	48,355	—	—	48,355
Municipal securities	1,324	—	—	1,324
Other	7,089	—	10	7,079
Total investments	<u>75,586</u>	<u>18,818</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>56,758</u>
	<u>\$ 998,544</u>	<u>101,394</u>	<u>839,103</u>	<u>58,047</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
<b>Financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased:</b>				
U.S. government securities	\$ 236,053	\$ 236,053	\$ —	\$ —
U.S. government agency securities	5,061	—	5,061	—
Mortgage-backed securities:				
Agency	70,715	—	70,715	—
Non-agency	613	—	613	—
Corporate securities:				
Fixed income securities	189,562	1,194	188,368	—
Equity securities	37,969	37,922	47	—
Total financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased	<u>\$ 539,523</u>	<u>\$ 275,169</u>	<u>\$ 264,354</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

The following table summarizes the changes in fair value carrying values associated with Level 3 financial instruments during the six months ended June 30, 2015 (*in thousands*):

	Financial Instruments Owned		Investments		
	Mortgage-Backed Securities – Non-Agency	Equity Securities	Auction-Rate Securities – Equity	Auction-Rate Securities – Municipal	Other
<b>Balance at January 1, 2015</b>	\$ 806	\$ 1,144	\$ 46,147	\$ 1,326	\$ 7,848
Unrealized gains/(losses)	(83)	—	(193)	(2)	284
Realized gains	33	—	—	—	—
Purchases	—	—	6,626	—	5
Sales	—	(525)	—	—	—
Redemptions	(86)	—	(4,225)	—	(1,058)
Net change	(136)	(525)	2,208	(2)	(769)
<b>Balance at June 30, 2015</b>	\$ 670	\$ 619	\$ 48,355	\$ 1,324	\$ 7,079

The results included in the table above are only a component of the overall investment strategies of our company. The table above does not present Level 1 or Level 2 valued assets or liabilities. The changes to our company's Level 3 classified instruments during the six months ended June 30, 2015 were principally a result of: purchases of ARS, offset by redemptions of ARS at par and sales of certain investments.

*Transfers Within the Fair Value Hierarchy*

We assess our financial instruments on a quarterly basis to determine the appropriate classification within the fair value hierarchy. Transfers between fair value classifications occur when there are changes in pricing observability levels. Transfers of financial instruments among the levels are deemed to occur at the beginning of the reporting period. There were \$4.8 million of transfers of financial assets from Level 2 to Level 1 during the six months ended June 30, 2015 primarily related to corporate fixed income securities for which market trades were observed that provided transparency into the valuation of these assets. There were no transfers of financial assets from Level 1 to Level 2 during the six months ended June 30, 2015.

The following table summarizes quantitative information related to the significant unobservable inputs utilized in our company's Level 3 recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2015.

	<u>Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Unobservable Input</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Weighted Average</u>
<b>Investments:</b>				
Auction rate securities:				
Equity securities	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	2.3%-13.4%	7.7%
		Workout period	1 – 3 years	2.4 years
Municipal securities	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	0.3% – 8.4%	7.1%
		Workout period	1 – 4 years	2.8 years

The fair value of certain Level 3 assets was determined using various methodologies as appropriate, including third-party pricing vendors, broker quotes and market and income approaches. These inputs are evaluated for reasonableness through various procedures, including due diligence reviews of third-party pricing vendors, variance analyses, consideration of current market environment and other analytical procedures.

The fair value for our auction-rate securities was determined using an income approach based on an internally developed discounted cash flow model. The discounted cash flow model utilizes two significant unobservable inputs: discount rate and workout period. The discount rate was calculated using credit spreads of the underlying collateral or similar securities. The workout period was based on an assessment of publicly available information on efforts to re-establish functioning markets for these securities and our company's own redemption experience. Significant increases in any of these inputs in isolation would result in a significantly lower fair value. On an ongoing basis, management verifies the fair value by reviewing the appropriateness of the discounted cash flow model and its significant inputs.

#### *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

The following reflects the fair value of financial instruments whether or not recognized in the consolidated statement of financial condition at fair value at June 30, 2015 (*in thousands*).

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 67,976	\$ 67,976
Cash segregated for regulatory purposes	141	141
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	242,944	242,944
Financial instruments owned	922,943	922,943
Investments	75,586	75,586
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	\$ 342,350	\$ 342,350
Financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased	539,523	539,523
Liabilities subordinated to the claims of general creditors	35,000	17,562

The following table presents the estimated fair values of financial instruments not measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2015 (*in thousands*):

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Financial assets:</b>				
Cash	\$ 67,961	\$ 67,961	\$ —	\$ —
Cash segregated for regulatory purposes	141	141	—	—
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	242,944	242,944	—	—
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>				
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	\$ 342,350	\$ 147,518	\$ 194,832	\$ —
Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors	17,562	—	—	17,562

The following, as supplemented by the discussion above, describes the valuation techniques used in estimating the fair value of our financial instruments as of June 30, 2015.

### **Financial Assets**

#### *Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell*

Securities purchased under agreements to resell are collateralized financing transactions that are recorded at their contractual amounts plus accrued interest. The carrying value at June 30, 2015 approximates fair value due to the short-term nature.

### **Financial Liabilities**

#### *Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase*

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are collateralized financing transactions that are recorded at their contractual amounts plus accrued interest. The carrying value at June 30, 2015 approximates fair value due to the short-term nature.

#### *Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors*

The fair value of subordinated debt was measured using the interest rates commensurate with borrowings of similar terms.

These fair value disclosures represent our best estimates based on relevant market information and information about the financial instruments. Fair value estimates are based on judgments regarding future expected losses, current economic conditions, risk characteristics of the various instruments, and other factors. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in the above methodologies and assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

## NOTE 5 – Financial Instruments Owned and Financial Instruments Sold, But Not Yet Purchased

The components of financial instruments owned and financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased at June 30, 2015 are as follows (*in thousands*):

<b>Financial instruments owned:</b>	
U.S. government agency securities	\$ 152,894
U.S. government securities	28,280
Mortgage-backed securities:	
Agency	259,968
Non-agency	16,377
Corporate securities:	
Fixed income securities	265,826
Equity securities	24,622
State and municipal securities	174,976
	<u>\$ 922,943</u>
<b>Financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased:</b>	
U.S. government securities	\$ 236,053
U.S. government agency securities	5,061
Mortgage-backed securities:	
Agency	70,715
Non-agency	613
Corporate securities:	
Fixed income securities	189,562
Equity securities	37,969
	<u>\$ 539,523</u>

At June 30, 2015, financial instruments owned in the amount of \$748.1 million were pledged as collateral for our repurchase agreements and short-term borrowings.

Financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased represent obligations of our company to deliver the specified security at the contracted price, thereby creating a liability to purchase the security in the market at prevailing prices in future periods. We are obligated to acquire the securities sold short at prevailing market prices, which may exceed the amount reflected in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

## NOTE 6 – Goodwill and Intangible Assets

We test goodwill for impairment on an annual basis and on an interim basis when certain events or circumstances exist. We test for impairment at the reporting unit level, which is an operating segment or one level below an operating segment. Our annual goodwill impairment testing was completed as of July 31, 2014, with no impairment identified.

The carrying amount of goodwill and intangible assets is presented in the following table (*in thousands*):

<b>Goodwill</b>	
<b>Balance at January 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 292,540</b>
Net additions	—
<b>Balance at June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 292,540</b>
<b>Intangible assets</b>	
<b>Balance at January 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 19,742</b>
Net additions	—
Amortization of intangible assets	(1,556)
<b>Balance at June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 18,186</b>

Intangible assets subject to amortization as of June 30, 2015 were as follows (*in thousands*):

	<b>Gross Carrying Value</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net</b>
Customer relationships	\$ 32,789	\$ 20,555	\$ 12,234
Trade name	8,780	2,828	5,952
	<b>\$ 41,569</b>	<b>\$ 23,383</b>	<b>\$ 18,186</b>

The weighted-average remaining lives of the following intangible assets at June 30, 2015 are: customer relationships 6.8 years; and trade name 9.7 years.

**NOTE 7 – Short-Term Borrowings**

Our short-term financing is generally obtained through short-term bank line financing on an uncommitted, secured basis and securities lending arrangements. We borrow from various banks on a demand basis with company-owned and customer securities pledged as collateral. The value of customer-owned securities used as collateral is not reflected in the consolidated statement of financial condition. Our uncommitted secured lines of credit at June 30, 2015 totaled \$780.0 million with four banks and are dependent on having appropriate collateral, as determined by the bank agreements, to secure an advance under the line. The availability of our uncommitted lines are subject to approval by the individual banks each time an advance is requested and may be denied. Our peak daily borrowing was \$543.3 million during the six months ended June 30, 2015. There are no compensating balance requirements under these arrangements.

At June 30, 2015, short-term borrowings from banks were \$465.6 million at an average rate of 1.00%, which were collateralized by company-owned securities valued at \$748.1 million.

During 2014, we entered into a Credit Agreement, as amended, (the “Agreement”) with Stifel Bank and Trust (“Stifel Bank”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent. Under the terms of the Agreement, Stifel Bank is providing our company with a \$95.0 million revolving credit facility. The credit facility expires in September 2015. The borrowings are secured with company-owned securities pledged as collateral. The applicable interest rate under the revolving credit facility is calculated as a per annum rate equal to the Eurocurrency Rate plus 1.50%. At June 30, 2015, there were no advances outstanding on the revolving credit facility.

**NOTE 8 – Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors**

We entered into a \$35.0 million subordinated loan agreement with the Parent, as approved by FINRA. The loan is callable on September 30, 2035 and bears interest at a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 1.70% per annum. At June 30, 2015, the fair value of the liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors using interest rates commensurate with borrowings of similar terms was \$17.6 million.

## NOTE 9 – Disclosures About Offsetting Assets and Liabilities

The following table provides information about financial assets that are subject to offset as of June 30, 2015 (*in thousands*):

	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of Financial Condition	Net Amounts Presented in the Statement of Financial Condition	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Financial Condition		
				Financial Instruments	Collateral Received	Net Amount
Securities borrowing <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 470,497	\$ —	\$ 470,497	\$ —	\$ (455,556)	\$ 14,941
Reverse repurchase agreements <sup>(2)</sup>	242,944	—	242,944	—	(242,944)	—
	<b>\$ 713,441</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 713,441</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (698,500)</b>	<b>\$ 14,941</b>

- (1) Securities borrowing transactions are included in receivables from brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations on the consolidated statement of financial condition. See Note 3 in the notes to our consolidated statement of financial condition for additional information on receivables from brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations.
- (2) Collateral received includes securities received by our company from the counterparty. These securities are not included on the consolidated statement of financial condition unless there is an event of default.

The following table provides information about financial liabilities that are subject to offset as of June 30, 2015 (*in thousands*):

	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of Financial Condition	Net Amounts Presented in the Statement of Financial Condition	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Financial Condition		
				Financial Instruments	Collateral Received	Net Amount
Securities lending <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ (59,871)	\$ —	\$ (59,871)	\$ —	\$ 58,535	\$ (1,336)
Repurchase agreements <sup>(4)</sup>	(342,350)	—	(342,350)	—	342,350	—
	<b>\$ (402,221)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (402,221)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 400,885</b>	<b>\$ (1,336)</b>

- (3) Securities lending transactions are included in payables to from brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations on the consolidated statement of financial condition. See Note 3 in the notes to our consolidated statement of financial condition for additional information on payables to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations.
- (4) Collateral pledged includes the fair value of securities pledged by our company to the counter party. These securities are included on the consolidated statements of financial condition unless we default.

## NOTE 10 – Commitments, Guarantees and Contingencies

### *Broker-Dealer Commitments and Guarantees*

In the normal course of business, we enter into underwriting commitments. Settlement of transactions relating to such underwriting commitments, which were open at June 30, 2015, had no material effect on the consolidated statement of financial condition.

In connection with margin deposit requirements of The Options Clearing Corporation, we pledged customer-owned securities valued at \$65.5 million to satisfy the minimum margin deposit requirement at June 30, 2015.

In connection with margin deposit requirements of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, we deposited \$59.0 million in cash to satisfy the minimum margin deposit requirement at June 30, 2015.

We also provide guarantees to securities clearinghouses and exchanges under their standard membership agreement, which requires members to guarantee the performance of other members. Under the agreement, if

another member becomes unable to satisfy its obligations to the clearinghouse, other members would be required to meet shortfalls. Our company's liability under these agreements is not quantifiable and may exceed the cash and securities it has posted as collateral. However, the potential requirement for our company to make payments under these arrangements is considered remote. Accordingly, no liability has been recognized for these arrangements.

*Concentration of Credit Risk*

We provide investment, capital-raising and related services to a diverse group of domestic customers, including governments, corporations, and institutional and individual investors. Our company's exposure to credit risk associated with the non-performance of customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile securities markets, credit markets and regulatory changes. This exposure is measured on an individual customer basis and on a group basis for customers that share similar attributes. To reduce the potential for risk concentrations, counterparty credit limits have been implemented for certain products and are continually monitored in light of changing customer and market conditions. As of June 30, 2015, we did not have significant concentrations of credit risk with any one customer or counterparty, or any group of customers or counterparties.

*Operating leases*

We have non-cancelable operating leases for office space and equipment. Future minimum commitments under these operating leases at June 30, 2015 are as follows (*in thousands*):

Remainder of 2015	\$	31,588
2016		61,079
2017		56,371
2018		48,140
2019		40,917
Thereafter		169,057
	<b>\$</b>	<b>407,152</b>

**Note 11 – Legal Proceedings**

Our company and its subsidiaries are named in and subject to various proceedings and claims arising primarily from our securities business activities, including lawsuits, arbitration claims, class actions, and regulatory matters. Some of these claims seek substantial compensatory, punitive, or indeterminate damages. Our company and its subsidiaries are also involved in other reviews, investigations, and proceedings by governmental and self-regulatory organizations regarding our business, which may result in adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, injunctions, and other relief. We are contesting the allegations in these claims, and we believe that there are meritorious defenses in each of these lawsuits, arbitrations, and regulatory investigations. In view of the number and diversity of claims against our company, the number of jurisdictions in which litigation is pending, and the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of litigation and other claims, we cannot state with certainty what the eventual outcome of pending litigation or other claims will be.

We have established reserves for potential losses that are probable and reasonably estimable that may result from pending and potential legal actions, investigations, and regulatory proceedings. In many cases, however, it is inherently difficult to determine whether any loss is probable or even possible or to estimate the amount or range of any potential loss, particularly where proceedings may be in relatively early stages or where plaintiffs are seeking substantial or indeterminate damages. Matters frequently need to be more developed before a loss or range of loss can reasonably be estimated.

In our opinion, based on currently available information, review with outside legal counsel, and consideration of amounts provided for in our consolidated financial statements with respect to these matters, including the matters described below, the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position and results of operations. However, resolution of one or more of these matters may have a material effect on the results of operations in any future period, depending upon the ultimate resolution of those matters and depending upon the level of income for such period. For matters where a reserve has not been established and for which we believe a loss is reasonably possible, as well as for matters where a reserve has been recorded but for which an exposure to loss in excess of the amount accrued is reasonably possible, based on currently available information, we believe that such losses will not have a material effect on our consolidated statement of financial condition.

### *SEC/Wisconsin Lawsuit*

We have previously disclosed the civil lawsuit filed against our company in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin on August 10, 2011. The action has not yet been set for trial and we believe, based upon currently available information and review with outside counsel, that we have meritorious defenses to the SEC's lawsuit and intend to vigorously defend the SEC's claims.

### *EDC Bond Issuance Matter*

We have previously disclosed the various claims asserted by LDF Acquisition LLC, a special purpose vehicle created by Saybrook Tax Exempt Investors LLC (collectively "Saybrook") and by the Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and its Lake of the Torches Economic Development Corporation (the "Tribe") in which, among other things, Saybrook seeks repayment from the Tribe for the proceeds from a 2008 bond offering and in which the Tribe seeks to avoid repayment. The claims are not yet set for trial. While there can be no assurance that we will be successful, based upon currently available information and review with outside counsel, we believe that we have meritorious legal and factual defenses to the matter, and we intend to vigorously defend the claims.

### **NOTE 12 – Regulatory and Capital Requirements**

We operate in a highly regulated environment and are subject to capital requirements, which may limit distributions to our company from its subsidiaries. Distributions from our broker-dealer subsidiaries are subject to net capital rules. A broker-dealer that fails to comply with the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) may be subject to disciplinary actions by the SEC and self-regulatory organizations, such as FINRA, including censures, fines, suspension, or expulsion. Stifel has chosen to calculate its net capital under the alternative method, which prescribes that their net capital shall not be less than the greater of \$1.0 million or two percent of aggregate debit balances (primarily receivables from customers) computed in accordance with the SEC's Customer Protection Rule (Rule 15c3-3). Our other broker-dealer subsidiaries calculate their net capital under the aggregate indebtedness method, whereby their aggregate indebtedness may not be greater than fifteen times their net capital (as defined).

At June 30, 2015, we had net capital of \$264.6 million, which was 42.6% of aggregate debit items and \$252.2 million in excess of our minimum required net capital.

### **NOTE 13 – Employee Incentive, Deferred Compensation and Retirement Plan**

Our employees participate in several incentive stock award plans sponsored by the Parent that provide for the granting of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance awards and stock units to our employees. Awards under our company's incentive stock award plans are granted at market value at the date of grant. The awards generally vest ratably over a three- to eight-year vesting period. In addition, our employees participate in the Stifel Nicolaus Wealth Accumulation Plan, as restated, (the "SWAP Plan") and the Stifel Nicolaus Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan (the "Profit Sharing Plan").

All stock-based compensation plans are administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Parent, which has the authority to interpret the plans, determine to whom awards may be granted under the plans, and determine the terms of each award.

#### *Deferred Compensation Plans*

The SWAP Plan is provided to certain revenue producers, officers, and key administrative employees, whereby a certain percentage of their incentive compensation is deferred as defined by the Plan into stock units of the Parent with a 25% matching contribution by our company. Participants may elect to defer up to an additional 15% of their incentive compensation with a 25% matching contribution. Units generally vest over a three- to seven-year period and are distributable upon vesting or at future specified dates. Deferred compensation costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. Elective deferrals are 100% vested.

Additionally, the SWAP Plan allows our financial advisors who achieve certain levels of production, the option to defer a certain percentage of their gross commissions. As stipulated by the SWAP Plan, the financial advisors have the option to: 1) defer 4% of their gross commissions into stock units of the Parent with a 25% matching contribution, or 2) defer up to 2% in mutual funds, which earn a return based on the performance of index mutual funds as designated by our company or a fixed income option. The mutual fund deferral option does not include a company match. Financial advisors may elect to defer an additional 1% of gross commissions into stock units of the Parent with a 25% matching contribution. Financial advisors have no ownership in the mutual funds. Included in investments in the consolidated statement of financial condition at June 30, 2015 are investments in mutual

funds of \$14.9 million that were purchased by our company to economically hedge, on an after-tax basis, its liability to the financial advisors who choose to base the performance of their return on the index mutual fund option. At June 30, 2015, the deferred compensation liability related to the mutual fund option of \$12.9 million is included in accrued compensation in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

In addition, certain financial advisors, upon joining our company, may receive stock units of the Parent in lieu of transition cash payments. Deferred compensation related to these awards generally vest over a five to eight-year period. Deferred compensation costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the deferral period.

#### *Profit Sharing Plan*

Eligible employees of our company who have met certain service requirements may participate in the Profit Sharing Plan. We may match certain employee contributions or make additional contributions to the Profit Sharing Plan at the discretion of the Parent.

#### **NOTE 14 – Off-Balance Sheet Credit Risk**

In the normal course of business, we execute, settle, and finance customer and proprietary securities transactions. These activities expose our company to off-balance sheet risk in the event that customers or other parties fail to satisfy their obligations.

In accordance with industry practice, securities transactions generally settle within three business days after trade date. Should a customer or broker fail to deliver cash or securities as agreed, we may be required to purchase or sell securities at unfavorable market prices.

We borrow and lend securities to facilitate the settlement process and finance transactions, utilizing customer margin securities held as collateral. We monitor the adequacy of collateral levels on a daily basis. We periodically borrow from banks on a collateralized basis utilizing firm and customer margin securities in compliance with SEC rules. Should the counterparty fail to return customer securities pledged, we are subject to the risk of acquiring the securities at prevailing market prices in order to satisfy our customer obligations. We control our exposure to credit risk by continually monitoring our counterparties' positions, and where deemed necessary, we may require a deposit of additional collateral and/or a reduction or diversification of positions. Our company sells securities it does not currently own (short sales) and is obligated to subsequently purchase such securities at prevailing market prices. We are exposed to risk of loss if securities prices increase prior to closing the transactions. We control our exposure to price risk from short sales through daily review and setting position and trading limits.

We manage our risks associated with the aforementioned transactions through position and credit limits, and the continuous monitoring of collateral. Additional collateral is required from customers and other counterparties when appropriate.

We have accepted collateral in connection with resale agreements, securities borrowed transactions, and customer margin loans. Under many agreements, we are permitted to sell or repledge these securities held as collateral and use these securities to enter into securities lending arrangements or to deliver to counterparties to cover short positions. At June 30, 2015, the fair value of securities accepted as collateral where we are permitted to sell or repledge the securities was \$1.4 billion and the fair value of the collateral that had been sold or repledged was \$342.4 million.

#### **NOTE 15 – Related Party Transactions**

On a periodic basis, we may provide advances to affiliated companies. In addition, we serve as a carrying broker-dealer and clear security transactions on a fully disclosed basis for affiliated broker-dealer subsidiaries. At June 30, 2015, we had a receivable from Parent and affiliates of \$19.7 million for these advances. At June 30, 2015, amounts due to Parent and affiliates were \$150.9 million. These amounts are primarily related to amounts due to an introducing broker-dealer affiliate for securities clearance, and income taxes and other expenses that were paid on the Company's behalf.

During the six months ended June 30, 2015, our Board of Directors authorized and paid dividends of \$125.0 million to the Parent.

During 2014, we entered into an Agreement with Stifel Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent. At June 30, 2015, we had no outstanding advances on the revolving credit facility and were in compliance with all covenants. See note 7 for further discussion of our short-term borrowings.

#### **NOTE 16 – Variable Interest Entities**

The determination as to whether an entity is a VIE is based on the structure and nature of the entity. We also consider other characteristics, such as the ability to influence the decision-making relative to the entity's activities and how the entity is financed. The determination as to whether we are the primary beneficiary for entities subject to the deferral is based on a qualitative analysis of the VIE's expected losses and expected residual returns. This analysis includes a review of, among other factors, the VIE's capital structure, contractual terms, which interests create or absorb variability, related party relationships, and the design of the VIE. For entities not subject to the deferral, the determination as to whether we are the primary beneficiary is based on an analysis of the power to direct the activities of the VIE as well as the obligation to absorb losses or benefits that could potentially be significant to the entity. Where qualitative analyses are not conclusive, we perform a quantitative analysis.

We have formed several non-consolidated investment funds with third-party investors that are typically organized as limited liability companies ("LLCs") or limited partnerships. These partnerships and LLCs have assets of \$273.6 million at June 30, 2015. For those funds where we act as the general partner, our company's economic interest is generally limited to management fee arrangements as stipulated by the fund operating agreements. We have generally provided the third-party investors with rights to terminate the funds or to remove us as the general partner. Our direct investment interest in these entities is insignificant at June 30, 2015.

For the entities noted above that were determined to be VIEs, we have concluded that we are not the primary beneficiary and therefore are not required to consolidate these entities. Additionally, for certain other entities we reviewed other relevant accounting guidance, which states the general partner in a limited partnership is presumed to control that limited partnership. The presumption may be overcome if the limited partners have either: (1) the substantive ability to dissolve the limited partnership or otherwise remove the general partner without cause, or (2) substantive participating rights, which provide the limited partners with the ability to effectively participate in significant decisions that would be expected to be made in the ordinary course of the limited partnership's business and thereby preclude the general partner from exercising unilateral control over the partnership. If the criteria are not met, the consolidation of the partnership or limited liability company is required. Based on our evaluation of these entities, we determined that these entities do not require consolidation.

#### **NOTE 17 – Subsequent Events**

We evaluate subsequent events that have occurred after the statement of financial condition date but before the financial statements are issued. There are two types of subsequent events: (1) recognized, or those that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the statement of financial condition, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing financial statements, and (2) non-recognized, or those that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the statement of financial condition but arose after that date. Based on the evaluation, we did not identify any recognized subsequent events that would have required adjustment to the consolidated statement of financial condition.

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A current copy of our consolidated statement of financial condition filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is available for examination at the Chicago regional office of the Securities and Exchange Commission or at our principal office at One Financial Plaza, 501 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.