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Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 48,450,839
Cash and securities segregated under federal regulations	-
Receivable from brokers and dealers	10,781,031
Furniture, equipment, software and leasehold improvements, at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$34,539,052	10,692,650
Receivable from affiliates	168,328
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$18,172	16,199,329
Deferred tax asset, net	4,514,563
Prepaid expenses and other assets	972,462
Total assets	<u>\$ 91,779,202</u>

Liabilities and Member's Equity

Payable to brokers and dealers	\$ 1,072,153
Payable to Parent and affiliates	5,220,268
Accrued compensation and benefits	2,541,562
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	6,851,337
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 15,685,320</u>

Member's equity	<u>76,093,882</u>
Total liabilities and member's equity	<u>\$ 91,779,202</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

1. Organization and Nature of Business

FIS Brokerage & Securities Services LLC (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer in securities under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company engages in the business of providing execution services for other broker-dealers and institutional customers using a proprietary algorithmic execution system. The Company also provides technology solutions to institutional entities seeking electronic means to communicate trade information messaging. The Company has entered into clearing agreements with multiple broker-dealers to process and clear all of the Company's securities transactions on a fully disclosed basis. The Company's sole member, FIS Investment Ventures LLC, is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. ("FIS") ("Parent"). FIS Investment Ventures LLC receives the full allocation of net profits and losses of the Company.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

b) Use of estimates in the preparation of financial statements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments, with original maturities of less than three months.

d) Accounts Receivable & Reserve

Accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount. The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses inherent in its accounts receivable portfolio. In establishing the required allowance, management considers historical losses adjusted to take into account current market conditions and the Company's customers' financial condition, the amount of receivables in dispute, and the current receivables aging and current payment patterns. The Company reviews its allowance for doubtful accounts monthly. Account balances are charged off against the allowance after all means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is considered remote.

e) Translation of Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at year-end rates of exchange determined by the year-end spot rate. Gains or losses resulting from foreign currency transactions are included in the other expense on the statement of income.

f) Fee income

The Company generates fee income primarily by offering from two primary services: electronic order routing and post-trade services. The Company offers these services through brokers and other strategic alliances with major financial institutions that provide straight-through processing to the investment management community. These revenues are recorded on a gross basis and the corresponding expenses are reflected in the trade execution and clearing fees on the income statement.

The Company earns fee income from providing an interactive trading link between various employee benefit, trust and custodial systems with mutual funds via the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") and acts as an asset aggregator for money market mutual funds. These services are offered under agreement with a registered broker-dealer in securities with FINRA. The Company also has an agreement with another broker-dealer to provide custodial, trust, clearing and other services.

The Company generates fee income in the form of exchange rebates from its all-in trading customers, which the company reports gross of expenses incurred.

g) Commissions

The Company's commissions primarily include commissions earned from equities brokerage activity. The Company records commissions and related expenses on a trade-date basis. Commission revenues are recorded on a gross basis and the corresponding expenses are reflected in trade execution and clearing fees. In addition, the Company also provides soft dollar research services and reports the commissions net with a corresponding cost related to the services provided are reported net and are reflected in commissions on the statement of income. Costs related to services which have been provided to customers but not yet paid for through earned commissions are recorded as a receivable from brokers and dealers on the statement of financial condition to the extent that the Company ultimately deems them to be collectible.

h) Transaction fees

Transaction fees are charged by the Company to customers on a per transaction basis and are related to expenses paid by the Company to regulatory organizations and executing brokers in fulfilling trade orders. Transaction fees consist primarily of Electronic Communication Network ("ECN") fees, net of ECN rebates, SEC 31 fees and telecommunication costs.

i) Other revenues

Other revenues are recorded when earned and primarily include software rental fees, upfront-software licenses and maintenance, consulting fees and other miscellaneous fees.

j) Furniture, equipment, software and leasehold improvements

Furniture and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

Purchased software assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the lesser of their estimated useful lives or the remaining license term.

Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the lesser of the economic life of the improvement or the term of the lease.

As of June 30, 2018, remaining unamortized fixed assets consist primarily of computer equipment with original estimated useful lives of three to five years (see note 12).

k) Income taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method as required in accordance with the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 740, Income Taxes (ASC 740). Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing deferred tax assets or liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

The Company is included in the consolidated federal return and certain unitary state tax returns of the Parent. The Company computes its federal tax provision on a separate-company basis together with a portion of its state tax provision for certain states in which it files separately. In addition, the Company records expense allocations from the Parent for its share of state income tax expense attributable to its inclusion in the Parent's unitary state tax returns and the tax benefit on the difference between book compensation computed under FAS 123 R and compensation deductible in accordance with the tax law. These amounts and the separately computed federal tax provision described above are settled periodically with the Parent.

The Company elected to be classified as a corporation for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Treasury Regulation §301.7701-3. As such, the Company is included in the consolidated federal and certain unitary state income tax returns of the Parent as a corporation, even though its legal form is a limited liability company.

ASC 740 requires management to determine whether a tax position of the Company is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefit to be recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that is greater than fifty percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement, which could result in the Company recording a tax liability. As of June 30, 2018, the Company had unrecognized tax benefits, net of federal benefits of approximately \$650,000, which if recognized, would favorably affect the effective tax rate. In addition, the Company has recorded accrued interest, net of federal benefits of \$438,935. The Company recognizes interest and penalties in the provision for income taxes in the statement of income.

Under the tax sharing agreement, liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits in jurisdictions where consolidated federal income tax or unitary state income tax returns are filed by FIS are retained at the Parent company level.

Tax years after 2013 remain open for examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Tax years after 2007 remain open by various state and local jurisdictions. The Company anticipates that it is reasonably possible that between \$0 and \$650,000 of unrecognized tax benefits may be resolved within the next 12 months.

l) Fair value measurements

Money market mutual funds are carried at market value based on the reported net asset value per share of the respective fund, which are Level 1 inputs pursuant to ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820). At June 30, 2018, the Company had an investment in a money market fund of \$1,109,133 included in cash and cash equivalents on the statement of financial condition.

The Company had no Level 2 or Level 3 financial instruments at June 30, 2018. There were no transfers between Level 2 and 3 during the year ended June 30, 2018.

3. New Accounting Pronouncements

a) Restricted Cash

On November 17, 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-18, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash*, a consensus of the FASB's Emerging Issues Task Force (the "Task Force"). The new standard requires that the statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. Entities will also be required to reconcile such total to amounts on the balance sheet and disclose the nature of the restrictions. The effective date of this standard was January 1, 2017 and the adoption of this standard has not had a material impact on the Company's statements of financial condition and cash flows.

b) Revenue from Contracts with Customers

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09. The update provides a five-step revenue recognition model for all revenue arising from contracts with customers and affects all entities that enter into contracts to provide goods or services to their customers (unless the contracts are in the scope of other standards). The standard also updates the accounting for certain costs associated with obtaining and fulfilling a customer contract. In addition, the standard requires disclosure of quantitative and qualitative information that enables users of financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The standard is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early adoption is prohibited. The standard may be applied retrospectively for all periods presented or retrospectively with a cumulative-effect adjustment at the date of adoption. The adoption of this standard will not have a material impact on the Company's results and financial condition.

c) Financial Instruments-Credit Losses

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13 Accounting for Financials Instruments-Credit Losses Measurement on Financial Instruments updated the accounting standards related to recognizing credit losses. The amendments in this update require a financial asset measured at amortized cost basis to be presented at the net carrying amount to be collected. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. The company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on its results of operations and financial condition.

d) Leases (Topic 842)

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02 Accounting for Leases (Topic 842) updated the accounting standards related to lease account. The amendments in this update were issued to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. The company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on its results of operations and financial condition.

4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At June 30, 2018, cash and cash equivalents consists of cash in bank accounts of \$47,341,706 and \$1,109,133 in a money market fund, which is at fair value and is considered a level 1 measurement

5. Cash and securities segregated under federal regulations

At June 30, 2018, the Company no longer holds segregated in a special reserve bank account for the exclusive benefit of customers pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

6. Employee Compensation and Benefits

Equity Incentive Plans

Under the Parent's time-based and performance-based equity incentive plans, awards, or options to purchase shares of stock may be granted to key employees. Time-based options are subject to a three-year to five-year vesting schedule depending upon the terms of the individual award. Performance-based options vest upon attainment of certain annual and cumulative earnings goals. Both time-based and performance-based options are granted for a ten-year term.

Retirement Plan

The Company participates in the Parent's 401(k) defined contribution Plan (the "Plan") covering substantially all Company employees. The Plan provides that contributions by Company employees are matched with cash contributions by the Company subject to certain limitations including a limitation on the Company's contribution to 50% of the first 6% of the employee's contribution.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Company participates in the Parent's Employee Stock Purchase Program ("ESPP") covering substantially all Company employees. The ESPP provides that contributions by Company employees are matched with cash contributions by the Company subject to certain limitations including a one-year vesting and a limitation on the Company's contribution to 25% of the of the employee's contribution.

7. Income Taxes

As of June 30, 2018, the Company had a long term Federal and state deferred tax asset of \$3,891,020. The significant component of the net deferred tax asset relates primarily to identifiable intangible assets. The Company has concluded that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will be realized and, therefore, no valuation allowance is required.

As of June 30, 2018, the Company had an income tax payable to the Parent and state and local tax authorities of \$3,005,636 included in Payable to Parent and affiliates on the statement of financial condition.

8. Regulatory Requirements

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At June 30, 2018, the Company had net capital of \$43,482,407, which exceeded its minimum requirement of \$250,000 by \$43,232,407. The Company's net capital to aggregate indebtedness was 0.36 to 1.

The Company claims exemption from SEC rule 15c3-3 under provision (k)(2)(ii).

9. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company leases office space under lease agreements expiring in 2022. Certain leases contain provision for rent escalation. At June 30, 2018, the future minimum lease commitments are \$2,594,749.

2018	\$	275,800
2019		562,632
2020		573,885
2021		585,362
2022		597,070
		<u>\$ 2,594,749</u>

The accounting guidance for guarantees requires the disclosure of representations and warranties which the Company enters into and which may provide general indemnifications to others. The Company in its normal course of business may enter into contracts that contain such representations and warranties. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Company that have not yet occurred. However, the Company believes the risk of loss related to these arrangements is remote.

10. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk and Market Risk

The Company clears all of its customers' securities transactions through clearing brokers on a fully disclosed basis. Pursuant to the terms of the agreements between the Company and the clearing brokers, the clearing brokers have the right to charge the Company for losses that result from its customers' failure to fulfill their contractual obligations.

The Company has agreed to indemnify its clearing brokers for losses that the clearing brokers may sustain from the customer accounts introduced by the Company. Customer transactions generally settle three business days after the trade date. If a customer does not complete the purchase or sale transaction, subsequent market fluctuation may require the Company to sell or purchase securities at prices that may differ from the original trade price. The Company is unable to determine the maximum exposure related to this indemnification.

In addition, the Company has the right to pursue collection or performance from customers and other counterparties who do not perform under their contractual obligations.

The Company maintains deposits at a bank in excess of federally insured limits.

11. Related Party Transactions

At June 30, 2018, the amount payable to Parent and affiliates represent such amounts payable by the Company and receivables from affiliates represent amounts due to the Company.

The Company pays administrative fees to FIS and to an affiliate of the Parent.

The Company also reimburses the Parent and affiliates of the Parent for medical and dental insurance premiums, professional services and other expenses paid on its behalf.

The Company reimburses affiliates for rent paid on its behalf for certain of its New York, Chicago, Jersey City, Lombard, IL, Brown Deer, WI, Collegeville, PA and Melville, NY offices.

The Company pays various affiliates for services for securities transaction processing, data storage and communications.

State business minimum tax payments made by the Parent or affiliates that related to the Company's activities in a number of states are allocated to the Company and reported as other expense on the statement of income.

12. Furniture, equipment, software and leasehold improvements

At June 30, 2018 furniture, equipment, software and leasehold improvements included the following:

Equipment	\$ 21,395,345
Software	21,753,524
Furniture and fixtures	1,017,554
Leasehold improvements	1,065,277
	<u>45,231,700</u>
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(34,539,052)</u>
	<u>\$ 10,692,648</u>

13. Subsequent Events

On July 30, 2018, the Company paid a cash distribution of \$7,000,000 to FIS Investment Ventures LLC.

Management has evaluated all subsequent transactions and events after the date of the statement of financial condition through August 9, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and, except as disclosed herein, has determined that no additional items require disclosure.