

SCOTIA CAPITAL (USA) INC.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Scotia Holdings (US) Inc.)

Statement of Financial Condition

October 31, 2020

(With Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Thereon)



KPMG LLP
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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholder and the Board of Directors
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.:

Opinion on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Scotia Holdings (US) Inc.) (the Company) as of October 31, 2020, and the related notes (collectively, the financial statement). In our opinion, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of October 31, 2020, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

KPMG LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 1988.

New York, New York
December 28, 2020

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

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,910
Cash on deposit with clearing organizations	418,438
Securities segregated under federal and other regulations, at fair value	345,936
Deposits paid for securities borrowed	23,003,690
Securities received as collateral, at fair value	4,845,761
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	50,000
Securities owned, at fair value (including \$321,332 pledged to creditors)	1,150,292
Receivable from brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	96,458
Receivable from customers	301,040
Accrued fees, interest, and other receivables	104,288
Furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$2,922	3,792
Goodwill	72,305
Other assets	22,519
Total assets	\$ 30,442,429
Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	
Liabilities:	
Deposits received for securities loaned	\$ 14,409,003
Obligation to return securities received as collateral, at fair value	4,845,761
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	6,625,000
Bank loans payable	1,190,147
Payable to customers	142,803
Payable to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	179,557
Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value	1,098,051
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities	156,744
Total liabilities	28,647,066
Subordinated borrowings	350,000
Commitments and contingencies (see Note 9)	
Stockholder's equity:	
Common stock par value, \$10 per share. Authorized, issued, and outstanding 3,000 shares	30
Additional paid-in capital	747,469
Retained earnings	697,864
Total stockholder's equity	1,445,363
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$ 30,442,429

See accompanying notes to statement of financial condition.

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(1) Organization

Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. (the Company) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Scotia Holdings (US) Inc. (the Parent), whose ultimate parent is The Bank of Nova Scotia, a Canadian bank chartered under the *Bank Act* (Canada). The Company is a registered broker-dealer with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), the Options Clearing Corp (OCC), the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) as well as other exchanges. The Company is also a registered futures commission merchant with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and a member of the National Futures Association (NFA). The Company's primary business activities include debt and equity securities underwriting, fixed income sales and trading, equity sales and trading, securities borrowing and lending, repurchase agreement activities, investment banking, and equity research. The Company's customers and counterparties comprise a diverse group of domestic and foreign corporations, governments, and institutional investors.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Presentation

The Company's statement of financial condition is prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP), which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that may affect the amounts reported in the statement of financial condition and accompanying notes. These estimates and the underlying assumptions affect the amounts of assets and liabilities reported, and disclosures about contingent assets and liabilities. Such estimates, including the fair value of financial instruments, goodwill, and litigation reserves are, by their nature, based on judgment and available information and, therefore, may vary from actual results. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors, including the current economic environment, which management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Company adjusts such estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate.

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits held in banks with original maturities of 90 days or less.

(c) Cash on Deposit with Clearing Organizations

The Company is a member of various clearing organizations and exchanges at which it maintains cash required for the conduct of its day-to-day clearing activities. Cash on deposit with clearing organizations is considered restricted cash by the Company.

(d) Collateralized Financing Transactions

Securities borrowed and securities loaned transactions are reported as collateralized financings. Securities borrowed and loaned transactions are entered into with other broker-dealers or financial institutions and are recorded at the amount of cash collateral advanced or received. Securities borrowed transactions require the Company to deposit cash with the lender and are reflected in the statement of financial condition as Deposits paid for securities borrowed. With respect to securities loaned, the Company receives collateral in the form of cash in an amount in excess of the market value of securities loaned and is reflected in the statement of financial condition as Deposits received for securities loaned. The Company also acts as a securities lender in transactions where it receives securities collateral that can be repledged or sold and such transactions are reflected in the statement

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of financial condition as Securities received as collateral, at fair value with a corresponding obligation to return those securities reflected in Obligation to return securities received as collateral, at fair value. The Company monitors the market value of securities borrowed and loaned on a daily basis, with additional collateral obtained, posted, or refunded as necessary.

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase and Securities purchased under agreements to resell are also treated as collateralized financing transactions. The agreements provide that the transferor will receive substantially the same securities in return at the maturity of the agreement and that the transferor will obtain from the transferee sufficient cash or collateral to purchase such securities during the term of the agreement. The liabilities and assets which result from these agreements are initially recognized at amortized cost in the accompanying statement of financial condition.

(e) *Securities Owned, Securities Sold, Not Yet Purchased at Fair Value*

Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased are recorded at fair value.

Amounts receivable and payable for regular-way securities transactions that have not yet reached their contractual settlement date are recorded net on the statement of financial condition in Receivable from or Payable to broker, dealers, and clearing organizations.

(f) *Receivable from and Payables to Customers*

Receivables from and Payables to customers include amounts due on cash and margin transactions, including balances related to futures transactions cleared on behalf of affiliates. Securities owned by customers, including those that collateralize margin or other similar transactions, are not reflected on the statement of financial condition.

(g) *Receivable and Payable – Brokers, Dealers, and Clearing Organizations*

Receivables from brokers, dealers and clearing organization include amounts receivable for securities failed to deliver by the Company to a purchaser by the settlement date, margin deposits, commissions, and balances related to futures transactions. Payable to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations include amounts payable for securities failed to receive by the Company from a seller by the settlement date and also include balances related to futures transactions. Brokers, dealers, and clearing organization receivables and payables additionally include net receivables or net payables arising from unsettled regular-way transactions.

(h) *Income Taxes*

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, as well as the estimated future tax consequences attributable to net operating losses and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to be applied 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 the period that includes the enactment date. If appropriate, deferred tax assets are adjusted by a valuation allowance, which reflects expectations to the extent which such assets will be realized.

The Company recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that

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is greater than 50% likely of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs.

(i) ***Furniture, Equipment, and Leasehold Improvements***

Following is a summary of the net carrying value and accumulated depreciation of furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements at October 31, 2020:

(dollars in thousands)

	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Carrying Value
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 1,624	782
Leasehold Improvements	1,298	3,010
	\$ 2,922	3,792

(j) ***Goodwill***

Goodwill is the excess of purchase price over the fair value of net identifiable assets acquired. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment annually, or whenever events or circumstances suggest that it may be more likely than not the fair value of the reporting unit is below its carrying amount. Goodwill impairment tests may involve judgments in determining the estimate of future cash flows, discount rates, long-term growth rates, economic forecasts, similar guideline companies, control premiums, and other assumptions.

The Company performed its annual goodwill impairment test as of June 30, 2020 and determined that there was no impairment. The carrying amount of goodwill was \$72.3 million at October 31, 2020.

(k) ***Leases***

The Company, as lessee, enters into operating lease arrangements for premises primarily consisting of a sublease arrangement with The Bank of Nova Scotia. Under these arrangements, the Company records right-of-use assets and lease liabilities which are included in Other assets and Other payables, accrued expenses, and other liabilities, respectively, on the statement of financial condition. The Company uses its incremental borrowing rate to determine the lease liability, which is measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments excluding non-lease components. The lease terms exclude options to extend the lease as the Company is not reasonably certain to exercise the options. A right-of-use asset is initially determined based on the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the commencement date, lease incentives, and initial direct costs, as applicable. The Company's accounting policy is to not recognize short-term leases on the statement of financial condition. Refer to Note 9 for further information.

(l) ***Other***

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic. While COVID-19 has not materially impacted the Company's financial results, it continues to impact the markets in which the Company operates. Governments around the world imposed a number of measures designed to contain the outbreak, including business closures, travel restrictions, quarantines and cancellations of gatherings and events. These measures have caused increased volatility and uncertainty in financial markets. This has given rise to heightened uncertainty as it relates to the key areas of estimation uncertainty. The situation continues to evolve, and changes may impact estimates and assumptions utilized by the Company.

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Accounting Standards

Adopted

ASU 2016-02, Leases

In February 2016, the FASB issued a new lease accounting standard that requires lessees to recognize operating leases in the balance sheet resulting in the recognition of a right-of-use asset and a lease liability. On November 1, 2019, the Company adopted the standard using the modified retrospective approach. Upon adoption, the right-of-use asset and lease liability was determined based on the present value of the remaining minimum lease payments resulting in the recognition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities. There was no impact to retained earnings upon adoption. Refer to Note 9 for further information.

ASU 2020-04, Reference Rate Reform

In March 2020, the FASB issued a new accounting standard that provides optional guidance for a limited period of time to ease the potential burden in accounting for (or recognizing the effects of) reference rate reform. The Company's adoption of this ASU in May 2020 did not have a material impact to the statement of financial condition.

Issued

ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses

In June 2016, the FASB issued a new accounting standard that impacts the impairment model for certain financial assets measured at amortized cost by requiring a current expense credit loss (CECL) methodology to estimate expected credit losses over the entire life of the financial asset, recorded at inception or purchase. CECL will replace the current incurred loss model. The Company will adopt the standard on November 1, 2020, and expects the impact will primarily result from collateralized financing transactions, margin loans and other receivables measured at amortized cost. The new standard is not expected to have a material impact to the statement of financial condition.

(3) Related-Party Transactions

The Company has financing transactions with affiliates and The Bank of Nova Scotia, loans with The Bank of Nova Scotia, and other arrangements with The Bank of Nova Scotia. For further information, refer to the Collateralized Financing Transactions (Note 5), Credit Facility (Note 6), and Subordinated Borrowings (Note 7) notes herein.

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Included in the accompanying statement of financial condition are the following related party balances:

(dollars in thousands)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,801
Deposits paid for securities borrowed	17,985,732
Securities received as collateral, at fair value	529,314
Securities owned, at fair value	13,034
Receivable from brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	3,832
Receivable from customers	150,636
Accrued fees, interest, and other receivables	19,905
Other assets	7,707
Total	\$ <u>18,712,961</u>

(dollars in thousands)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Deposits received for securities loaned	\$ 6,174,349
Obligation to return securities received as collateral, at fair value	529,314
Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value	17,797
Bank loans payable	1,190,147
Payable to customers	74,818
Payable to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	7,041
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities	23,738
Subordinated borrowings	350,000
Total	\$ <u>8,367,204</u>

(4) Receivable From and Payable to Brokers, Dealers, and Clearing Organizations

Amounts Receivable from and Payable to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations at October 31, 2020 consist of the following:

(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>
Receivable from/payable to clearing organizations	\$ 20,016	24,519
Receivable from/payable to brokers and dealers	17,734	4,240
Securities failed-to-deliver/receive	58,708	139,919
Unsettled regular-way transactions, net	—	10,879
	\$ <u>96,458</u>	<u>179,557</u>

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(5) Collateralized Financing Transactions

The Company enters into collateralized financing transactions to meet customers' needs, settle other securities obligations and finance a portion of its inventory positions. Refer to Note 3 for collateralized financing transactions with affiliates.

To maintain reliable funding under a wide range of market conditions, including under periods of stress, the Company manages these activities by taking into consideration the quality of the underlying collateral, and stipulating financing tenor. Additionally, the Company manages liquidity risk related to these transactions by maintaining counterparty diversification through assessing counterparty reliability and stability under stress. It is the Company's policy to have a perfected, first priority security interest over the underlying collateral, monitor its market value relative to the amounts due under the agreements and, when necessary, require prompt transfer of additional collateral in order to maintain contractual margin protection.

For resell and repurchase agreements, when necessary, the Company requests or posts additional collateral in order to maintain contractual margin protection. With respect to securities loaned, the Company receives cash and securities collateral in an amount generally in excess of the market value of the securities loaned. The Company monitors the market value of securities borrowed and securities loaned on a daily basis and obtains or posts additional collateral in order to maintain contractual margin protection.

Collateralized financing transactions are documented under industry standard agreements that allow the prompt close-out of all transactions (including the liquidation of securities held) and the offsetting of obligations to return cash or securities by the non-defaulting party, following a payment default or other type of default under the relevant master agreement. The counterparty that receives the securities in these transactions is generally unrestricted in its use of the securities, with the exception of transactions executed on a tri-party basis, where the collateral is maintained by a custodian. At October 31, 2020, the approximate fair value of securities collateral accepted and securities borrowed by the Company was \$23.4 billion, of which \$18.0 billion was sold or repledged.

Offsetting of Certain Financing Transactions

As of October 31, 2020 (dollars in thousands)

	Gross Amounts	Amounts Offset	Net Amounts Presented	Financial Instruments¹	Net Amounts
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	\$ 50,000	-	50,000	(50,000)	-
Deposits paid for securities borrowed	23,003,690	-	23,003,690	(22,543,086)	460,604
Securities received as collateral, at fair value	4,845,761	-	4,845,761	(4,845,761)	-
Total	\$ 27,899,451	-	27,899,451	(27,438,847)	460,604

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As of October 31, 2020 (dollars in thousands)

	Gross Amounts	Amounts Offset	Net Amounts Presented	Financial Instruments¹	Net Amounts
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	\$ 6,625,000	-	6,625,000	(6,475,000)	150,000
Deposits received for securities loaned	14,409,003	-	14,409,003	(14,218,572)	190,431
Obligation to return securities received as collateral, at fair value	4,845,761	-	4,845,761	(4,845,761)	-
Total	\$ 25,879,764	-	25,879,764	(25,539,333)	340,431

¹ Amount includes financial instruments collateral received or pledged subject to a legally enforceable master netting agreement. Although shown as a reduction to Net Amounts Presented they are not offset in the statement of financial condition. Amount does not include securities collateral received or pledged where the legal enforceability of the master netting agreement is uncertain.

Maturities and Collateral Pledged

Gross Financing Transaction Balances by Remaining Contractual Maturity

As of October 31, 2020 (dollars in thousands)

	Overnight and Continuous	Up to 30 Days	31-90 Days	Greater than 90 Days¹	Total
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	\$ 6,290,000	-	185,000	150,000	6,625,000
Deposits received for securities loaned	14,223,719	185,284	-	-	14,409,003
Obligation to return securities received as collateral, at fair value	4,845,761	-	-	-	4,845,761
Total	\$ 25,359,480	185,284	185,000	150,000	25,879,764

¹ Remaining contractual maturity is less than one year.

Gross Financing Transaction Balances by Class of Collateral Pledged

As of October 31, 2020 (dollars in thousands)

	Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	Deposits received for securities loaned	Obligation to return securities received as collateral, at fair value	Total
U.S. and Canadian government obligations	\$ -	666,703	366,140	1,032,843
Corporate debt obligations	3,407,038	1,400,765	118,055	4,925,858
Common stock	3,209,148	12,325,737	4,354,068	19,888,953
Other debt obligations	8,814	15,798	7,498	32,110
Total	\$ 6,625,000	14,409,003	4,845,761	25,879,764

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(6) Credit Facility

The Company has established borrowing agreements with The Bank of Nova Scotia in the normal course of business. Amounts outstanding under these arrangements are included within Bank loans payable. Refer to Note 3 for balances with affiliates. The arrangements are summarized below:

A \$600 million 12-month revolving senior unsecured line of credit. Interest on the line of credit is based on prevailing short-term market rates. The credit line matures on March 23, 2021, but may be renewed by the Company for an additional 364 days upon written notice to The Bank of Nova Scotia at least 91 days prior to the expiration date. At October 31, 2020, \$70.0 million was outstanding on the line of credit.

A \$500 million 12-month revolving senior unsecured line of credit. Interest on the line of credit is based on prevailing short-term market rates. The credit line matures on March 23, 2021, but may be renewed by the Company for an additional 364 days upon written notice to The Bank of Nova Scotia at least 91 days prior to the expiration date. At October 31, 2020, \$14.0 million was outstanding on the line of credit.

A \$1.05 billion overnight overdraft line of credit. Interest on the line of credit is based on prevailing short-term market rates. The Bank of Nova Scotia reserves the right to withdraw the line with 91 days prior written notice. At October 31, 2020, \$391.9 million was outstanding on the line of credit.

A \$1.5 billion 31 day evergreen revolving senior unsecured line of credit. Interest on the line of credit is based on prevailing short-term market rates. The credit line matures on June 25, 2021, but may be renewed by the Company for an additional 364 days upon written notice to The Bank of Nova Scotia at least 60 days prior to the expiration date. At October 31, 2020, \$700.0 million was outstanding on the line of credit.

A CAD\$100 million 12-month revolving senior unsecured line of credit. Interest on the line of credit is based on prevailing short-term market rates. The credit line matures on August 7, 2021 if The Bank of Nova Scotia gives written notice of termination at least 60 days prior to the expiration, otherwise the term of the Agreement shall automatically renew for an additional 364 days. At October 31, 2020, CAD\$19.0 million was outstanding on the line of credit.

(7) Subordinated Borrowings

The Company has a revolving note and cash subordination agreement (the note) with The Bank of Nova Scotia amounting to \$1.2 billion. The note, which has been approved for regulatory capital purposes, bears a market rate (LIBOR plus a market-based spread) of interest on the amount drawn and is scheduled to mature on October 31, 2022. At October 31, 2020, \$350.0 million was outstanding on the note. Refer to Note 3 for balances with affiliates.

(8) Employee Benefit and Incentive Plans

The Company participates in defined contribution, defined benefit, postretirement benefit plans and incentive plans provided by The Bank of Nova Scotia.

Defined Contribution Plan

The Company participates in a 401(k) salary deferral and profit sharing plan sponsored by The Bank of Nova Scotia (the 401(k) plan) covering eligible employees. Employees are permitted within limitations imposed by tax law to make pretax contributions to the 401(k) plan pursuant to salary reduction agreements. The Company contributes to the plan pursuant to predetermined formulas.

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Defined Benefit and Postretirement Benefit Plans

The Company participates in defined benefit and postretirement benefit plans sponsored by The Bank of Nova Scotia that are closed to new entrants. The defined benefit expense covering the employees of the Company is recorded by The Bank of Nova Scotia and allocated to the Company.

Incentive Plans

The Company participates in incentive plans sponsored by The Bank of Nova Scotia. The expense covering the employees of the Company is recorded by The Bank of Nova Scotia and allocated to the Company.

(9) Commitments, Contingencies, and Leases

Commitments and Contingencies

The Company provides representations and warranties to counterparties in connection with a variety of commercial transactions and occasionally indemnifies them against potential losses caused by the breach of those representations and warranties. These indemnifications generally are standard contractual terms and are entered into in the normal course of business. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, the Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under these arrangements and has not recorded any contingent liability in the statement of financial condition for these indemnifications.

The Company is a member of various exchanges that trade and clear securities or futures contracts or both. Associated with its membership, the Company may be required to pay a proportionate share of the financial obligations of another member who may default on its obligations to the exchange. Although the rules governing different exchange memberships vary, in general the Company's guarantee obligations would arise only if the exchange had previously exhausted its resources. In addition, any such guarantee obligation would be apportioned among the other non-defaulting members of the exchange. Any potential contingent liability under these membership agreements cannot be estimated. The Company has not recorded any contingent liability in the statement of financial condition for these agreements and believes that any potential requirement to make payments under these agreements is remote.

In the normal course of business, the Company, from time to time, may be named as a defendant in litigation actions, including actions relating to its underwriting business. The Company is also subject to various governmental and regulatory examinations and information-gathering requests. Where available information indicates that it is probable a liability had been incurred at the date of the statement of financial condition and the Company can reasonably estimate the amount of that loss, the Company accrues an estimated loss. After reviewing these actions with its counsel, management does not believe that the outcome of such actions will have any material effect on its financial position.

Leases

At October 31, 2020, right-of-use assets were \$7.8 million and the related lease liabilities were \$9.0 million.

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The following table presents information about operating lease liabilities as of October 31, 2020:

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2021	\$	1,183
2022		1,205
2023		1,235
2024		1,259
2025		1,035
Thereafter		4,080
Total undiscounted lease payments		9,997
Less Imputed Interest		(1,021)
Total operating lease liabilities	\$	8,976
Weighted average remaining lease term		8.3 years
Weighted average discount rate		2.6%

(10) Regulatory Requirements

The Company is a registered broker-dealer and registered futures commission merchant and, accordingly, is subject to the net capital requirements of SEC Rule 15c3-1 (SEC Net Capital Rule), FINRA, and Regulation 1.17 of the Commodity Exchange Act (CFTC Rule). The Company has elected to use the alternative method permitted by the SEC Net Capital Rule, which requires that it maintain minimum net capital of the greater of \$1,500,000 or 2% of aggregate debit items arising from customer transactions, plus excess margin collateral on reverse repurchase agreements or the CFTC Rule requirement representing the sum of 8% of customer risk maintenance margin requirement and 8% of non-customer risk maintenance margin requirement, as defined.

FINRA may require a member firm to reduce its business if net capital is less than 4% of such aggregate debit items and may prohibit a firm from expanding its business if net capital is less than 5% of such aggregate debit items. In addition, the Company is subject to certain notification requirements related to withdrawals of excess net capital. At October 31, 2020, the Company's net capital was \$1.3 billion which was \$1.2 billion in excess of its required net capital of \$124.2 million as of October 31, 2020.

(11) Income Taxes

The Company provides for income taxes in accordance with the asset and liability method of accounting and recognizes deferred income taxes for the expected future tax consequences of differences in the book and tax basis of assets and liabilities.

At October 31, 2020, the deferred tax assets of \$8.6 million were composed of temporary differences principally due to deferred compensation accruals and post retirement expenses. Management has not recorded a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets as management believes it is more likely than not that they will be realized through future taxable earnings.

At October 31, 2020, the deferred tax liability of \$11.7 million was composed of temporary differences principally due to the tax effect of non-depreciable goodwill.

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The Company remains open to Federal, California, New York State, Louisiana, Texas, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York City examinations for the years ended October 31, 2017 and forward. The Company does not anticipate any settlements that would result in a material change to the statement of financial condition.

The reconciliation of the beginning unrecognized tax benefits balance to the ending balance is presented below.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>		
Balance at October 31, 2019	\$	1,253
Increases related to prior year tax positions		71
Decreases related to prior year tax positions		(15)
Increases related to current year tax positions		136
Settlements		-
Lapse of statute		(196)
Balance at October 31, 2020	\$	1,249

(12) Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability, or the “exit price,” in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Company uses various valuation techniques and establishes a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value.

The Company’s securities owned, securities segregated under federal and other regulations, securities received as collateral, securities sold, but not yet purchased, and obligation to return securities received as collateral are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis.

Fair Value Hierarchy

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used to measure an asset or a liability fall to different levels within the hierarchy, the classification of the entire asset or liability will be based on the lowest level input that is significant to the overall fair value measurement of the asset or liability. The Company categorizes assets and liabilities based on the inputs to the valuation techniques used to measure fair value as follows:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices in markets that are not active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 – Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use significant assumptions not observable in the market. These unobservable assumptions would reflect the Company’s own estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Such valuation techniques include the use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques.

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The following table represents the Company's fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of October 31, 2020:

(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:				
U.S. and Canadian government obligations	\$ 19,281	-	-	19,281
Corporate debt obligations	-	1,083,919	-	1,083,919
Common and preferred stock	626	14,790	-	15,416
Other debt obligations	-	31,676	-	31,676
Total securities owned	19,907	1,130,385	-	1,150,292
Securities segregated under federal and other regulations	345,936	-	-	345,936
Securities received as collateral	4,720,208	125,553	-	4,845,761
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 5,086,051</u>	<u>1,255,938</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,341,989</u>
Liabilities:				
U.S. and Canadian government obligations	\$ 8,923	-	-	8,923
Corporate debt obligations	-	316,468	-	316,468
Common and preferred stock	751,076	-	-	751,076
Other debt obligations	-	21,584	-	21,584
Total securities sold, not yet purchased	759,999	338,052	-	1,098,051
Obligation to return securities received as collateral	4,720,208	125,553	-	4,845,761
Total liabilities at fair value	<u>\$ 5,480,207</u>	<u>463,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,943,812</u>

The fair value of the Company's securities was determined using a variety of sources as follows:

For Common and preferred stock, fair value was determined by the closing price of the primary exchanges and is included in Level 1 and from observable trades and/or external quotes for those included in Level 2.

For U.S. and Canadian government obligations, fair value was determined based on quoted prices in active markets and are included in Level 1.

For Corporate debt obligations and Other debt obligations, fair value was determined using prices from independent market data providers or third party broker quotes and are included in Level 2.

For Securities received as collateral and the Obligation to return securities received as collateral, fair value was determined by the closing price of the primary exchanges for those included in Level 1 and from third party broker quotes for those included in Level 2.

Securities segregated under federal and other regulations are comprised of U.S. government obligations. Fair value was determined based on quoted prices in active markets and are included in Level 1.

There were no transfers in or out of Levels 1, 2 or 3.

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Financial Instruments Not Measured at Fair Value

The carrying value approximates fair value for the following financial instruments: cash and cash equivalents, cash on deposits with clearing organizations, deposits paid for securities borrowed, securities purchased under agreements to resell, receivables and payables from brokers, dealers, clearing organizations and customers, deposits received for securities loaned, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and bank loans payables.

Under the fair value hierarchy, cash and cash equivalents and cash on deposit with clearing organizations are classified as Level 1. Deposits paid for securities borrowed, securities purchased under agreements to resell, receivables and payables from brokers, dealers, clearing organizations and customers, deposits received for securities loaned, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities, and bank loans payables are classified as Level 2.

(13) Off-Balance-Sheet Credit Risk

As a securities broker-dealer, the Company is engaged in securities trading and brokerage activities with a diverse group of domestic and foreign corporations, governments, and institutional investors, including other broker-dealers, commercial banks, insurance companies, pension plans, mutual funds, and other financial institutions. The Company's customer securities activities are generally processed on a delivery versus payment and receipt versus payment (DVP/RVP) basis. The Company records these transactions on a settlement-date basis, which is generally one business day for U.S. government securities transactions and three business days for equity and debt securities transactions.

As a result, the Company is exposed to risk of loss on these transactions in the event of the customer's inability to meet the terms of the contracts, in which case, the Company may be required to purchase or sell the underlying securities at prevailing market prices. In connection with the Company's customer and proprietary financing and securities settlement activities, the Company pledges securities as collateral in support of various secured financing sources such as bank loans and securities loaned. In the event the counterparty is unable to meet its contracted obligation to return securities pledged as collateral, the Company may be exposed to the risk of acquiring securities at prevailing market prices in order to satisfy its obligations. The Company controls this risk by monitoring the market value of securities pledged on a daily basis and by requiring adjustments of collateral levels in the event of excess market exposure. At October 31, 2020, the market value of securities pledged under these secured financing transactions approximated the amount due, which is recorded as Deposits received for securities loaned in the statement of financial condition.

As a securities broker-dealer, the Company is engaged in various securities trading and brokerage activities as principal. In the normal course of business, the Company has sold securities that it does not currently own and will, therefore, be obligated to purchase such securities at a future date. The Company has recorded this \$1.1 billion obligation in the accompanying statement of financial condition at the October 31, 2020 fair value of the related securities. The Company will incur a trading loss on the securities if the market price increases, and a trading gain if the market price decreases subsequent to October 31, 2020. In security sales transactions, the Company is subject to risk if the security is not received and the market value has increased over the contract amount of the transaction.

As a securities broker-dealer, the Company is engaged in various securities trading activities and substantially all of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are carried at or approximate fair value.

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(14) Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated whether any events or transactions occurred subsequent to the date of the statement of financial condition and through the issuance date of the statement of financial condition.

In November 2020, the Company borrowed \$400.0 million and repaid \$400.0 million under its subordinated line of credit with The Bank of Nova Scotia.

In December 2020, the credit facility limit on the Company's overnight overdraft line of credit with The Bank of Nova Scotia increased from \$1.05 billion to \$1.5 billion.

In December 2020, the Company provided written notice to The Bank of Nova Scotia to extend the \$600 million and \$500 million 12-month revolving senior unsecured lines of credit.

There were no other material events or transactions that would require recognition or disclosure in the statement of financial condition.