Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2017

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ___

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
ARABELLA ADVISORS LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2001

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)

ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC

1201 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW
SUITE 300
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
20-4995650

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
202-595-1020

2d Business code (see instructions)
541990

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/31/2018	QUAMIKA PICKENS HARRIS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	194
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	149
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	158
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	43
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	201
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	201
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	191
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[ ] Insurance	**(1)**	[ ] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(4)**	[ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1) [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)

(2) [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

(3) [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1) [X] **H** (Financial Information)

(2) [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)

(3) [ ] ___ **A** (Insurance Information)

(4) [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)

(5) [ ] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)

(6) [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....…… ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ……..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2017 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2017 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2017** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A Name of plan
ARABELLA ADVISORS LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
20-4995650

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

PENSYS, INC.

68-0348235

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 63 64		16538	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

CCM PARTNERS, LP

94-6736048

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
72			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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A Name of plan
ARABELLA ADVISORS LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
20-4995650

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		55765
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	18631	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	34420	771
(3) Other	1b(3)	544	8370
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	229676	274535
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	5438	36252
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	4153889	5808820
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	4442598	6184513
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h	693	
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	693	
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	4441905	6184513

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	470486	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	951216	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	154356	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1576058
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	899	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		899
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	266483	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		266483
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		582528
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2425968
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	666822	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		666822
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	16538	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		16538
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		683360
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		1742608
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [ ] Unqualified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? [X] Yes [ ] No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: FGMK, LLC **(2)** EIN: 36-2929601

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a	X		444528
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2017

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A Name of plan
ARABELLA ADVISORS LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
20-4995650

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1**

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 75-3182674

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Arabella Advisors, LLC
Retirement Plan

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Report

December 31, 2017

ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Participants and Custodians of the
Arabella Advisors, LLC Retirement Plan

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Arabella Advisors, LLC Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by MG Trust Company d.b.a. Matrix Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the custodian holds the Plan's investment and executes related transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the custodian as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and for the year ended December 31, 2017, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the custodian is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matter- Supplemental Schedules

The supplemental schedules, Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year, as of December 31, 2017, and Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2017, are required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on these supplemental schedules.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations 2017

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules, other than that derived from the information certified by the custodian, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

FGMK, LLC

Bannockburn, Illinois
July 25, 2018

ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash	$ 55,765	$ -
Investments, at fair value	6,083,355	4,383,565
	6,139,120	4,383,565
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	36,252	5,601
Interest and dividends receivable	8,370	381
Employee contributions	771	34,420
Employer contributions	-	18,631
	45,393	59,033
	6,184,513	4,442,598
LIABILITIES		
Excess contribution payable	-	693
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 6,184,513	$ 4,441,905

See Independent Auditor's Report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

ADDITIONS		
Contributions:		
Employer	$	470,486
Participant		951,216
Rollovers		154,356
		1,576,058
Investment income (loss):		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments		582,528
Interest and dividend income		266,483
Interest on notes receivable from participants		899
		2,425,968
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefits paid to participants		666,822
Administrative fees		16,538
		683,360
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		1,742,608
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of year		4,441,905
End of year	$	6,184,513

See Independent Auditor's Report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Arabella Advisors, LLC Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General. The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Arabella Advisors, LLC (the "Company" or "Employer"), who are at least 18 years old and temporary employees who have at least one year of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended. The assets of the Plan are managed and administered under the terms of an agreement between the Employer and MG Trust Company d.b.a. Matrix Trust Company (the "Custodian"). The Custodian is responsible for the investment of such assets and the accounting for all related receipts and disbursements.

Participant Contributions. Participating employees are allowed to make contributions of either their pretax annual compensation or post tax contributions to a Roth retirement account, as defined in the Plan, subject to the maximum contribution limit under the Internal Revenue Code.

Employer Contributions. The Company has elected to make a safe-harbor matching contribution of 100% of the first 4% of salary that a participant deferred to the Plan. Participants are 100% vested in these matching contributions. Additionally, the Company may elect to make discretionary profit sharing contributions in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors for each plan year. Discretionary contributions are limited to the maximum amount deductible by the Company for purposes of federal income tax. No discretionary contributions were elected for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Participant Accounts. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocation of the Employer contributions, if any. Plan earnings or losses and administrative fees are allocated to participant accounts based on their proportionate share of identified fund balances and other Plan assets.

Investment Options. Participants may direct their contributions among one or more funds subject to the allocation limitations set forth in the Plan. Changes in allocation of future contributions and transfers among funds of presently invested contributions are permitted pursuant to Plan provisions.

Vesting. Participants are immediately fully vested in their contributions and any employer contributions.

Notes Receivable from Participants. The Plan provides that a participant may borrow from their vested account balance attributable to salary deferral, Roth, and rollover accounts. Outstanding loans may not exceed the lesser of 50% of the participant's vested balance or $50,000. Loan terms shall not exceed five years unless used to purchase a primary residence. Payments are to be made not less frequently than quarterly. The loans are secured with up to 50% interest in the vested portion of the account balance and bear a reasonable rate of interest as determined by the plan administrator.

Forfeitures. Forfeited nonvested accounts will be used to pay certain Plan expenses and/or reduce future Company contributions. As of December 31, 2017, there were no amounts in forfeitures.

Benefits. Benefit payments are generally made in lump sum upon termination, death, retirement, or resignation.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual method of accounting.

Estimates and Assumptions. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for plan benefits at the date of the financial statements and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits during the reporting period and, when applicable, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Concluded)

Concentrations of Credit Risk. Substantially all the Plan's assets are held by the Custodian.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition. Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants. Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Benefit Payments. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses. Administrative expenses pertaining to the operation of the Plan are primarily paid by the Company. Additionally, various administrative, legal, and accounting services are performed by Company personnel on behalf of the Plan for which no charges are made to the Plan, and for which the Company does not intend to obtain reimbursement. Investment expenses, however, are charged against the Plan's investment income.

NOTE 3 – INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE CUSTODIAN OF THE PLAN ASSETS

The following is a summary of the unaudited information regarding the Plan, included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule that were prepared by the Custodian of the Plan, and furnished to the plan administrator. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the Custodian that such information is complete and accurate:

- Investments as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.
- Investment income (loss), as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2017.
- Note 4: All investment balances.
- The schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2017, as shown on Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") *Accounting Standards Codification* ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

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ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Concluded)

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Mutual Funds. Valued at quoted market price.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the plan administrator believes the valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2017 and 2016. Assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 6,083,355	$ -	$ -	$ 6,083,355
Total investment assets at fair value	$ 6,083,355	$ -	$ -	$ 6,083,355

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 4,383,565	$ -	$ -	$ 4,383,565
Total investment assets at fair value	$ 4,383,565	$ -	$ -	$ 4,383,565

NOTE 5 – PLAN TERMINATION

While the Company has not expressed any intent to discontinue its contributions or terminate the Plan, it is free to do so at any time, subject to the provisions of ERISA and the Plan Agreement. In the event of Plan termination, all participants will become fully vested in all their accounts.

ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 – INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan as adopted is a prototype nonstandardized profit sharing plan. The sponsoring organization has received an opinion letter covering the prototype plan, dated March 31, 2014. A separate determination providing that the Arabella Advisors, LLC 401(k) Plan, as adopted, and the related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") has not been sought from the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

NOTE 7 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for investments in mutual funds. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 8 – DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

The Plan Sponsor remitted participant contributions and loan repayments totaling $771 to the Custodian later than required by the Department of Labor Regulation 2510.3-102 during the year ended December 31, 2017. During 2017, 2016 late remittances of $444,896 were corrected.

NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated all known subsequent events from December 31, 2017 through July 25, 2018, the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued, and is not aware of any material subsequent events occurring during this period.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i

DECEMBER 31, 2017

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-4995650

PLAN NUMBER: 001

(a)	**(b)** Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	**(c)** Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	**(e)** Current value
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT SMALL CAP INDEX FUND	$ 1,165,680
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT NASDAQ 100 INDEX FD	1,008,848
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT S P 500 INDEX FUND	801,006
	OPPENHEIMERFUNDS	OPPENHEIMER INTL DIVERSIFIED-A	624,061
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT S P MID CAP INDEX FUND (204)	579,036
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT US GOVT SECURITIES FUND	463,508
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT EQUITY INCOME FUND	383,949
	T. ROWE PRICE	T ROWE PRICE TOTAL EQTY MKT INDEX	358,642
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	US TREASURY TRUST MONEY MARKET	274,535
	PIMCO	PIMCO TOTAL RETURN-A	95,194
	OPPENHEIMERFUNDS	OPPENHEIMER DEVELOPING MKTS-A	86,420
	CALVERT INVESTMENTS	CALVERT SHT DURATION INC FD-A	86,259
	INCESCO	INVESCO INTL GROWTH FUND-A	51,253
	CALVERT INVESTMENTS	CALVERT EQUITY PORT-A	44,356
	PARNASSUS	PARNASSUS MID CAP FUND	39,567
	TRILLIUM MUTUAL FUNDS	PORTFOLIO 21	21,041
	Participant loans	Interest rates ranging from 4.50% - 5.25%, maturing from 2018 - 2022	36,252
			$ 6,119,607

See Independent Auditor's Report.

ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4A

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Plan Sponsor: Arabella Advisors, LLC
Plan Name: ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN
Employer Identification Number: 20-4995650
Plan Number: 001

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included: X	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
	$ 771	$ 444,896	$ -	$ -

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ARABELLA ADVISORS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i

DECEMBER 31, 2017

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(a)	**(b)** Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	**(c)** Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	**(e)** Current value
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT SMALL CAP INDEX FUND	$ 1,165,680
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT NASDAQ 100 INDEX FD	1,008,848
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT S P 500 INDEX FUND	801,006
	OPPENHEIMERFUNDS	OPPENHEIMER INTL DIVERSIFIED-A	624,061
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT S P MID CAP INDEX FUND (204)	579,036
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT US GOVT SECURITIES FUND	463,508
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	CIT EQUITY INCOME FUND	383,949
	T. ROWE PRICE	T ROWE PRICE TOTAL EQTY MKT INDEX	358,642
	SHELTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	US TREASURY TRUST MONEY MARKET	274,535
	PIMCO	PIMCO TOTAL RETURN-A	95,194
	OPPENHEIMERFUNDS	OPPENHEIMER DEVELOPING MKTS-A	86,420
	CALVERT INVESTMENTS	CALVERT SHT DURATION INC FD-A	86,259
	INCESCO	INVESCO INTL GROWTH FUND-A	51,253
	CALVERT INVESTMENTS	CALVERT EQUITY PORT-A	44,356
	PARNASSUS	PARNASSUS MID CAP FUND	39,567
	TRILLIUM MUTUAL FUNDS	PORTFOLIO 21	21,041
	Participant loans	Interest rates ranging from 4.50% - 5.25%, maturing from 2018 - 2022	36,252
			$ 6,119,607

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