

Stephens Inc.

(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of SI Holdings Inc.)
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Statement of Financial Condition as of June 30, 2020

(UNAUDITED)

STEPHENS INC.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of SI Holdings Inc.)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2020
(In thousands, except share amounts)

ASSETS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 1,165
CASH - Segregated under federal and other regulations	2,000
RECEIVABLES FROM:	
Clearing broker	53,677
Others	14,622
MARKETABLE SECURITIES — at fair value	142,065
NOT READILY MARKETABLE SECURITIES — at fair value	14
RIGHT OF USE ASSET	100,437
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS — At cost — net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$36,419	5,856
OTHER	<u>9,445</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 329,281</u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

LIABILITIES:

Payables to:

Customers free credit balances	3
Affiliates	490
Securities sold but not yet purchased — at fair value	326
Lease liability	107,598
Accrued compensation	46,420
Other	<u>15,085</u>

Total liabilities 169,922

STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY:

Common stock, no par value — 2,000 shares authorized, issued, and outstanding	100,000
Additional paid-in capital	12,000
Retained earnings	<u>47,359</u>

Total stockholder's equity 159,359

TOTAL \$ 329,281

See notes to statement of financial condition.

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NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2020 (Dollars in thousands)

1. ORGANIZATION

Stephens Inc., an S Corporation (the “Company”), is a full-service investment banking firm which is headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Company is a registered broker/dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of SI Holdings Inc., an S Corporation (the “Parent”). In November 2019, the Company began clearing its brokerage business and trading activity on a fully-disclosed basis with Pershing LLC (“Pershing”).

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash and Cash Equivalents — The Company defines cash and cash equivalents as currency on hand and demand deposits with banks and overnight money market deposits and instruments with a maturity of less than ninety days.

Receivable from Clearing broker – Receivables from clearing broker represents net receivable from Pershing LLC related to daily operational business.

Payables to Customers — Payables to customers primarily represent cash on deposit with the Company.

Receivables from Others — Receivables from others result primarily from the Company’s brokerage activities.

Securities Transactions — Marketable securities and securities sold but not yet purchased are carried at fair value on a trade date basis.

Concentrations of Credit Risk — In the normal course of business, the Company engages in fixed income transactions that expose it to temporary concentrations of credit risk. Credit limits are established after review of customer financial data. In the case of both debt and equity underwritings, counterparty risk is reviewed by the appropriate underwriting committee prior to commitment.

Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment, and Leasehold Improvements — Furniture, fixtures, equipment, and leasehold improvements are recorded at cost. Depreciation of furniture, fixtures, and equipment is provided over estimated useful lives of three to ten years using the straight-line method. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of 10 years or the lease term. The Company annually evaluates the carrying value of its furniture, fixtures, and equipment to determine if an impairment exists.

Operating Leases – The Company enters into operating leases for real estate, substantially all of which are used in connection with its operations. The Company adopted ASU 2016-02 on January 1, 2019, which required the Company to recognize, for leases longer than one year, a right-of-use asset representing the right to use the underlying asset for the lease term, and a lease liability representing the liability to make payments. The lease term is generally determined based on the contractual maturity of the lease. For leases where the Company has the option to terminate or extend the lease, an assessment of the likelihood of exercising the option is incorporated into the determination of the lease term. Such assessment is initially performed at the inception of the lease and is updated if events occur that impact the original assessment.

An operating lease right-of-use asset is initially determined based on the operating lease liability, adjusted for initial direct costs, lease incentives and amounts paid at or prior to lease commencement. This amount is then amortized over the lease term. See Notes 9-11 for information about operating leases. Due to a no-action letter issued by the SEC, the impact to net capital is immaterial.

Income Taxes — The Company is a Qualified Subchapter S Corporation and therefore bears no entity level tax.

Use of Estimates — The preparation of statement of financial condition in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates and assumptions, and these differences may be material.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements — In June 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-13, *Financial Instruments-Credit Losses Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments* (Topic 326). This ASU replaces the incurred loss model with the current expected credit loss approach. For loans carried at amortized cost, the allowance for loan losses will be based on management’s current estimate of all expected credit losses over the remaining contractual term of the loans. The ASU was effective for the Company on January 1, 2020 and did not have an effect on the Company’s statement of financial condition.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In determining fair value, the Company uses various valuation approaches. The fair value hierarchy requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than a Company-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Company’s own assumptions reflect those that the Company believes market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. The hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on the observability of inputs as follows:

Level 1 — Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Valuation adjustments and block discounts are not applied to Level 1 instruments. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these products does not entail a significant degree of judgment.

Level 2 — Valuations based on one or more quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 — Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The availability of observable inputs can vary by product and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of product, whether the product is new and not yet established in the market place, the liquidity of the markets, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

A description of the valuation techniques applied to the Company's major categories of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis follows:

Mortgage-backed Securities are comprised of agency issued debt and mortgage pass-throughs. Non-callable agency issued debt securities are generally valued using quoted market prices adjusted for risk characteristics. Actively traded non-callable agency issued debt securities are generally categorized in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The fair value of corporate bonds and U.S. Treasury obligations are estimated using recently executed transactions, market price quotations or bond spreads. Corporate bonds and U.S. Treasury obligations are generally categorized in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The fair value of municipal bonds is estimated using recently executed transactions, market price quotations and pricing models that factor in, where applicable, interest rates and volatility. These bonds are generally categorized in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Corporate stocks are exchange traded securities that are generally valued based on quoted prices from the exchange. To the extent these securities are actively traded, valuation adjustments are not applied, and they are categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Not readily marketable securities held in proprietary inventory are valued using quoted market prices, and they are categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. The value of other not readily marketable securities is estimated using multiple factors including the cost of the investment, terms and liquidity, developments since the acquisition of the investment, the sales price of recently issued securities, the financial condition and operating results of the issuer, earnings trends and consistency of operating cash flows, the long-term business potential of the issuer, the quoted market price of securities with similar quality and yield that are publicly traded, and other factors generally pertinent to the valuation of investments. These securities are generally categorized in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Balance as of June 30, 2020
Assets:				
State and municipal obligations		\$ 5,535		\$ 5,535
Mortgage-backed securities		134,607		134,607
Corporate stocks	\$ 1,923			1,923
Not readily marketable securities		14		14
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 1,923</u>	<u>\$ 140,156</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 142,079</u>
Liabilities:				
Money markets, mutual funds and other		\$ 250		250
Mortgage-backed securities		76		76
Total liabilities at fair value	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 326</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 326</u>

The following table presents the carrying values and estimated fair values at June 30, 2020 of financial assets and liabilities, excluding financial instruments that are carried at fair value on a recurring basis, and information is provided on their classification within the fair value hierarchy:

	Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,165	\$ 1,165		
Cash Segregated under federal and other regulations	2,000	2,000		
Receivables and Other	<u>77,744</u>		<u>\$ 77,744</u>	
Totals	<u>\$ 80,909</u>	<u>\$ 3,165</u>	<u>\$ 77,744</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Liabilities				
Payables and Other			<u>\$ 61,998</u>	
Totals	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 61,998</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Substantially all of the Company's assets and liabilities are carried at contracted amounts which the Company believes approximate fair value. Assets which are recorded at contract amounts approximating fair value primarily consist of short-term receivables, and certain other receivables. Similarly, the Company's liabilities and certain other payables are recorded at contract amounts approximating fair value. These instruments generally have variable interest rates and short-term maturities, in many cases overnight, and accordingly, their fair values are not materially affected by changes in interest rates on market movements.

4. ASSETS SEGREGATED UNDER FEDERAL REGULATIONS

At June 30, 2020, the Company had segregated \$2,000 of cash in an account “for the exclusive benefit of customers” pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

5. FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS

Furniture, fixtures, equipment, and leasehold improvements at June 30, 2020 consisted of the following:

Leasehold improvements	\$ 23,192
Computer hardware	6,920
Furniture and fixtures	8,680
Data and telephone equipment	3,317
Other	<u>166</u>
	42,275
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(36,419)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,856</u>

6. BORROWINGS

The Company had no short-term bank borrowings outstanding at June 30, 2020.

As of June 30, 2020, the Company had no outstanding obligations that were subordinated to claims of general creditors.

7. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 (the “Rule”) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company has elected to compute its net capital requirement under the aggregate indebtedness method of the Rule, which does not allow aggregate indebtedness to exceed 15 times net capital. At June 30, 2020, the Company had an aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio of .58 with \$117,749 of net capital, which was \$113,206 in excess of its required minimum net capital of \$4,543. The Company is also subject to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s minimum financial requirements (Regulation 1.17).

The Company operates in a highly regulated industry. Applicable laws and regulations restrict permissible activities and investments. These policies require compliance with various financial and client-related regulations. The consequences of noncompliance can include substantial monetary and nonmonetary sanctions. In addition, the Company is the subject of regular, comprehensive examinations and supervision by various governmental and self-regulatory agencies. These regulatory agencies generally have broad discretion to prescribe greater limitations on the operations of a regulated entity for the protection of investors or public interest. Furthermore, where the agencies determine that such operations are unsafe or unsound, fail to comply with applicable law, or are otherwise inconsistent with the laws and regulations or with the supervisory policies, greater restrictions may be imposed.

8. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Company's 401(k) profit sharing plan allows employees to begin making contributions on the first payroll date of the second calendar month following the calendar month of their date of hire/rehire. Participants share in matching contributions for a Plan year if they had Pre-Tax or Roth 401(k) contributions made to the Plan during the year and are an eligible employee at the end of the Plan Year, or have ceased being an eligible employee during the Plan Year after having attained age 65 or by reason of disability or death. The Company's contributions for each plan year are made at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. The Plan has graduated vesting over five years. Participants are fully vested in the Company's contributions after five years of service. Forfeitures of the Company's contributions are used to pay for plan expenses or to decrease the Company's contributions.

9. LEASES

The Company has operating leases for corporate office space. The leases have remaining lease terms of less than one year to fourteen years, some of which include options to extend leases for up to seven years. The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception (or the effective date of the ASU). Operating lease assets are included in Right of Use Asset (ROU) and operating lease liabilities are included in Lease liability on the statement of financial condition.

ROU assets represent the Company's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the Company's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date (or the effective date of the ASU) based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. The Company uses an incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date (or the effective date of the ASU) in determining the present value of lease payments. The operating lease ROU assets also include any lease payments made and exclude lease incentives. The lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised. The Company has lease agreements with lease and non-lease components, which are generally accounted for separately.

10. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company rents certain real property from an affiliate and other related parties under non-cancelable operating leases. At June 30, 2020, the future minimum rental commitments under these leases are \$40,210, less a present value discount of \$8,935 for a total liability of \$31,275. These operating leases have a weighted average remaining lease term of 13 years and a weighted average discount rate of 4.11 %. The weighted average discount rate represents the Company's incremental borrowing rate at the lease inception date for all of these related party leases.

The Company pays various expenses on behalf of an affiliated entity which are attributable to the operations of that entity. The affiliate reimburses the Company for expenses paid on its behalf. The payable balance to affiliated entities as of June 30, 2020 was \$490, which is included in payables to officers, directors and affiliates.

The Company holds positions in marketable securities of companies in which officers, directors, and affiliates are members of the Boards of Directors. Total investment in related entities was \$1,188 which is included in marketable securities.

11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In addition to the lease commitment discussed in Note 10, the Company has commitments related to other office space and equipment. At June 30, 2020, the future minimum payments required under these agreements are as follows:

2020	\$	4,971
2021		10,196
2022		10,319
2023		9,927
2024		9,596
Thereafter		<u>46,436</u>
Total	\$	91,445
Less: Present value discount		<u>(15,122)</u>
Lease liability	\$	<u>76,323</u>
Weighted average remaining lease term:		
Operating leases		10 years
Weighted average discount rate:		
Operating leases		3.82%

In the table above, the weighted average discount rate represents the Company's incremental borrowing rate at the lease inception date for all of the leases.

The Company is a defendant in several lawsuits and two arbitrations, which arose from its usual business activities. Almost all of these lawsuits arose from the Company's participation as a member of the underwriting syndicate in public offerings of securities. The Company also is involved, from time to time, in investigations and proceedings by governmental and self-regulatory agencies, certain of which may result in adverse judgments, fines, or penalties. Although the ultimate outcome of these actions cannot be ascertained at this time, and the results of legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, management, based on its understanding of the facts and consultation with outside counsel, does not believe that the ultimate resolution of these matters will have a materially adverse effect on the Company's financial position.

As a securities broker and dealer, the Company is engaged in various securities trading activities. The Company's exposure to credit risk associated with the nonperformance of these customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets, which may impair the customers' ability to satisfy their obligations to the Company. The Company manages its risk in this area through Pershing's monitoring of customer position and credit limits and collateral. Additional collateral is required from customers where appropriate.

The Company has provided a guarantee to Pershing. Under the agreement, the Company has agreed to indemnify Pershing for customers introduced by the Company that are unable to satisfy the terms of their contracts. The Company's liability under these arrangements is not quantifiable. However, management believes the potential for the Company to be required to make payments under this agreement is remote. Accordingly, no amounts are recorded on the balance sheet for these contingent liabilities.

The Company provides indemnification in connection with securities offering transactions in which it is involved. When the Company is an underwriter or placement agent, it provides a limited indemnification to the issuer related to its actions in connection with the offering and, if there are other underwriters or placement agents, indemnification of those entities is intended to result in an appropriate sharing of the risk of participating in the offering. It is not possible to quantify the aggregate exposure to the Company resulting from these types of indemnification provisions. The Company has not recorded a liability for such exposure as the likelihood of being required to pay is remote.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, a pandemic. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant disruption in global financial markets, including significant declines and volatility in the securities markets. The coronavirus pandemic and government responses are creating disruption in global supply chains and adversely impacting many industries. The outbreak could have a continued material adverse impact on economic and market conditions. The rapid development and fluidity of this situation precludes any prediction as to the ultimate material adverse impact of the novel coronavirus. The duration of the COVID-19 outbreak and its effects cannot be determined with certainty.

12. DISCLOSURES ABOUT FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Off-Balance-Sheet Risk — The Company enters into various transactions involving off-balance-sheet financial instruments, which primarily include securities purchased and sold on a when-issued basis, securities to-be-announced, and options.

The Company has sold securities not yet purchased and, therefore, will be obligated to purchase such securities at a future date. The Company has exposure to losses if the market values of those securities increase prior to purchase.

The Company enters into TBA (to-be-announced) transactions to manage the Company's exposure to risk resulting from trading activities. The table below sets forth the fair value and notional amounts of open TBA contracts as of June 30, 2020.

	Gross Assets	Gross Liabilities	Contract/
	Fair Value	Fair Value	Notional
Forward settling TBA trades	\$ -	\$ 102,848	\$ 97,655

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date this statement of financial condition was issued, and identified no subsequent events that should be disclosed in the notes to the statement of financial condition.
