

Santander US Capital Markets LLC and Subsidiary

Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2024

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
PURSUANT TO THE COMMODITIES FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR
FUTURES COMMISSION MERCHANT REGULATION 1.10

Santander US Capital Markets LLC and Subsidiary
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Santander Holdings USA, Inc.)
December 31, 2024
With Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF FIRM: Santander US Capital Markets LLC

TYPE OF REGISTRANT (check all applicable boxes):

- Broker-dealer Security-based swap dealer Major security-based swap participant
 Check here if respondent is also an OTC derivatives dealer

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B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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October 20, 2003

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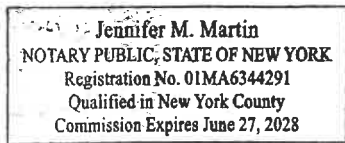
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Michael Santangelo, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition and supplemental schedules pertaining to Santander US Capital Markets LLC, (the "Company") as of December 31, 2024, are true and correct. We further swear (or affirm) that based upon information available to us, neither the Company nor any principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.




Michael Santangelo
Chief Financial Officer



Notary Public

This report contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing Page
- (b) Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition
- (c) Consolidated Statement of Income
- (d) Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow
- (e) Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital
- (f) Consolidated Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors
- (g) Computation of Net Capital
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3
- (i) Computation for Determination of PAB Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3
- (j) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3
- (k) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3
- (l) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation
- (m) An Oath or Affirmation
- (n) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report
- (o) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit
- (p) Schedule of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation for Customers Trading on U.S. Commodity Exchanges Pursuant to Section 4d(2) under the Commodity Exchange Act
- (q) Statement of Secured Amounts and Funds Held in Separate Accounts for Foreign Futures and Foreign Options Customers Pursuant to Regulation 30.7 under the Commodity Exchange Act

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors of Santander Capital Holdings LLC and Member of Santander US Capital Markets LLC and Subsidiary

Opinion on the Financial Statement – Statement of Financial Condition

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition of Santander US Capital Markets LLC and Subsidiary (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2024, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statement”). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2024 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

The consolidated financial statement is the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s consolidated 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 of this consolidated financial statement 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Supplemental Information

The accompanying Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Regulation 1.17 under the Commodities Exchange Act, Statement of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation for Customers Trading on U.S. Commodity Exchanges Pursuant to Section 4d(2) under the Commodity Exchange Act, and Statement of Secured Amounts and Funds Held in Separate Accounts for Foreign Futures and Foreign Options Customers Pursuant to Regulation 30.7 under the Commodity Exchange Act as of December 31, 2024 (collectively, the “supplemental information”) has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Company’s consolidated financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the consolidated financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental



information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Regulation 1.10 under the Commodity Exchange Act. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Arcenuta House Coopers LLP

February 26, 2025

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2016.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition As of December 31, 2024

Assets

Cash	\$ 515,493,091
Cash segregated under federal and other regulations	369,766,399
Securities borrowed	980,719,543
Securities purchased under resale agreements	7,155,445,830
Deposits with and receivables from clearing organizations and clearing broker	2,006,639,721
Receivables from broker-dealers, financial institutions and clearing organizations	294,395,647
Receivables from customers	13,872,651
Receivables from affiliates	75,982,555
Financial instruments owned, at fair value (including securities pledged of \$10,048,364,875)	10,437,381,896
Accrued interest receivable	49,781,235
Fixed assets and leasehold improvements, net	24,647,450
Goodwill and intangibles, net	188,839,155
Other assets	93,900,644
Total Assets	<u>\$ 22,206,865,817</u>

Liabilities and Member's Equity

Liabilities

Loan payable	\$ 275,000,000
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	15,620,388,425
Payables to broker-dealers, financial institutions and clearing organizations	160,108,186
Securities sold not yet purchased, at fair value	2,487,757,136
Payables to customers	2,237,120,453
Payables to affiliates	267,766
Accrued interest payable	19,758,873
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	312,150,291
Total Liabilities	<u>21,112,551,130</u>

Member's Equity

Member's Equity	<u>1,094,314,687</u>
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Total Liabilities and Member's Equity	<u>\$ 22,206,865,817</u>
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See accompanying notes to consolidated statement of financial condition.

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1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

Santander US Capital Markets LLC (formerly Amherst Pierpont Securities LLC), a limited liability company organized in Delaware, is wholly owned by Santander Capital Holdings LLC (formerly Pierpont Capital Holdings LLC), which in turn is wholly owned by Santander Holdings USA, Inc. (“SHUSA”). SHUSA is wholly owned by Banco Santander, S.A., a Spanish banking corporation (the “Ultimate Parent”).

On April 11, 2022, SHUSA acquired Pierpont Capital Holdings LLC (“PCHL”), the parent company of Amherst Pierpont Securities LLC (“APS”), a leading institutional fixed-income broker dealer. In February 2023, Santander Investment Securities Inc. (“SIS”) merged with and into APS, and APS was renamed Santander US Capital Markets LLC (“SanCap”). Also in February 2023, PCHL was renamed Santander Capital Holdings LLC (“SCH”) (the “Parent”).

SanCap is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”). SanCap is also registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) as a Futures Commission Merchant (“FCM”) and is a member of the National Futures Association (“NFA”), the New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE”) and NYSE MKT LLC (“NYSE MKT”).

SanCap is a clearing member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME”), Chicago Board of Trade, Inc. (“CBOT”), New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX”), Commodity Exchange, Inc. (“COMEX”), Intercontinental Exchange (“ICE”) and ICE Futures Energy Division (“IFED”). SanCap provides execution and clearing services directly to SanCap clients and to the ultimate parent company (“BSSA”) on an undisclosed omnibus basis. In addition, the Company offers execution and clearing services on non-US exchanges through a carrying broker relationship with BSSA. As a clearing member of the CME, SanCap clears interest rate swap (“IRS”) transactions for its affiliates.

SanCap is a clearing member of the Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) for equity and index contracts. SanCap clears transactions on behalf of an affiliate customer.

SanCap was designated as a Primary Dealer by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (“FRBNY”) effective May 6, 2019. As a Primary Dealer, SanCap serves as a direct trading counterparty to the FRBNY.

SanCap clears the majority of its business on a delivery versus payment (“DVP”) and receive versus payment (“RVP”) basis.

SanCap’s business activities include investment banking, institutional sales and trading. SanCap self-clears the majority of its fixed income business. SanCap clears its U.S. equity securities transactions through a third-party broker-dealer (the “Clearing Broker”) on a fully disclosed basis. International equity securities transactions are cleared through affiliates and other third parties.

The accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition refer to SanCap and its subsidiary, Freedom Depository LLC, (“FDLLC”), together as (the “Company”). FDLLC, a limited liability company, was organized with the sole purpose of facilitating securitizations through the issuance and sale of securities.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The Company's consolidated statement of financial condition include the accounts of SanCap and its subsidiary. All material intercompany balances have been eliminated. The Company's consolidated statement of financial condition are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated statement of financial condition requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated statement of financial condition, accompanying notes and supplemental information. Actual results could differ from those estimates and could have a material impact on the consolidated statement of financial condition, accompanying notes and supplemental information.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

Effective December 2024, the Company adopted ASU 2023-07 Segment Reporting – Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures, which enhances segment disclosure requirements primarily in the area of significant segment expenses. This standard was applied retrospectively to the disclosures in Note 9 - Business Segment Information. The adoption of this standard did not impact the Company's consolidated statement of financial condition.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and amounts due from depository institutions, and interest-bearing deposits in other banks. Cash and cash equivalents have original maturities of three months or less and, accordingly, the carrying amount of these instruments is deemed to be a reasonable estimate of fair value.

Cash Segregated under Federal and Other Regulations

In accordance with Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Rule 15c3-3) and segregation rules of the CFTC, the Company is obligated to segregate cash for the exclusive benefit of its customers (see Note 3).

Collateralized Agreements

Transactions involving borrowed securities, securities loaned, securities purchased under resale agreements ("resale agreements") or securities sold under agreements to repurchase ("repurchase agreements") are accounted for as collateralized agreements or financings. The Company has elected the fair value option for certain resale agreements and repurchase agreements. Resale and repurchase agreements which are part of a specific trading strategy and hedged by securities and derivatives are reported using the fair value option (see Note 4). Securities borrowed and securities loaned are recorded at the amount of cash collateral deposited or received. It is the policy of the Company to obtain possession of collateral with a fair value

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equal to or in excess of the principal amount loaned under resale agreements. Collateral is valued daily, and the Company may require counterparties to deposit additional collateral or return collateral pledged when appropriate. Interest on such contracts is accrued and is included in the consolidated statement of financial condition in receivables from and payables to broker-dealers and clearing organizations.

Deposits with and Receivables from Clearing Organizations and Clearing Broker and Receivables from Broker-Dealers, Financial Institutions and Clearing Organizations

Deposits with and receivables from clearing organizations and clearing broker and receivables from broker-dealers, financial institutions and clearing organizations mainly include cash and U.S. treasuries deposited as margin as required by clearing organizations related to the Company's futures business. The deposits include cash of \$2,006,343,887 to satisfy the Company's margin and guaranty deposit requirements as a clearing member of such organizations and a cash deposit of \$295,834 at the Clearing Broker.

The Company's receivables from broker-dealers, financial institutions and clearing organizations include amounts receivable from unsettled trades, including amounts related to futures and options on futures contracts executed on behalf of customers, amounts receivable for securities failed to deliver, accrued interest receivables on resale agreements and cash deposits. A portion of the Company's trades and contracts are cleared through a clearing organization and settled daily between the clearing organization and the Company. Because of this daily settlement, the amount of unsettled credit exposures is limited to the amount owed the Company for a very short period of time. The Company continually reviews the credit quality of its counterparties.

Receivables from and Payables to Customers

Customer securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Receivables from and payables to customers include amounts due on cash and delivery versus payment and receipt versus payment (DVP/RVP) securities transactions, and cash deposits received from the futures customer to cover margin calls from commodity clearing organizations, and net unrealized gains and losses not yet remitted. Payables to customers are primarily cash deposits received related to the Company's commodities and futures business.

Financial Instruments Owned and Securities Sold, Not Yet Purchased, at Fair Value

The sales and trading of financial instruments are recorded on the trade date. Amounts receivable and payable for securities transactions that have not reached their contractual settlement date are reported net in the consolidated statement of financial condition. Financial instruments owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, are carried at fair value. The Company offsets long and short positions for a particular security recorded at fair value when the long and short positions have identical Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures numbers ("CUSIPs").

Fair Value Measurements

A portion of the Company's assets and liabilities are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in earnings. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to

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transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurement establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs of valuation techniques used to measure fair value. These three levels of the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows, with Level 1 representing the most transparent inputs and Level 3 representing the least transparent inputs:

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

Level 2 – Quoted prices in markets that are not active or adjusted quoted prices in markets that are active, for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly. The inputs are based on quoted market prices, broker or dealer quotations, or alternate pricing sources with reasonable level of price transparency.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are significant to the fair value of financial assets or liabilities, which usually are based on the Company's own assumptions about the estimates used by other market participants in valuing similar financial instruments.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including for example, the type of security, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security.

The fair values of certain financial instruments including cash, securities borrowed and loaned, receivables from and deposits with clearing organizations and broker-dealers, security deposits, receivable from and payable to customers, accrued interest receivable and payable, payables to broker-dealers, and accrued payables are considered to approximate their respective carrying values due to their liquidity and short-term nature.

Determination of Fair Value

The following is a description of the Company's valuation methodologies for assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

U.S. Government and Federal Agency Securities

U.S. Treasury Securities: U.S. Treasury securities are measured based on quoted market prices and are categorized within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

U.S. Agency Issued Debt Securities: Callable and non-callable U.S. agency issued debt securities are measured primarily based on observed market price quotations and are generally categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Mortgage-Backed Securities

Agency and Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities: U.S. agency and non-agency mortgage-backed securities include mortgage pass-through securities (fixed and adjustable rate), collateralized mortgage

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obligations and interest-only and principal-only securities and are generally measured based on observed market price quotations and categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. In some instances, non-agency mortgage-backed securities are measured using inputs to a valuation methodology that include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets or inputs that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. These securities are categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. In addition, certain less liquid securities with unobservable prices and valuation inputs are classified as Level 3.

Corporate Debt Securities, Convertible Debt Securities and Foreign Sovereign Debt

Corporate bonds, convertible bonds and foreign sovereign debt are measured primarily based on observed market price quotations including broker quotations, and where available, prices observed for recently executed market transactions. These securities, measured using these valuation methods, are categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. In addition, certain less liquid securities with trade restrictions or unobservable prices and valuation inputs are classified as Level 3.

Equity Securities

Equity securities are measured based on quoted market prices and categorized within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Resale and Repurchase Agreements

To estimate the fair value of resale and repurchase agreements, cash flows are first evaluated taking into consideration the value and relative availability of the underlying collateral which are then discounted using the appropriate market rates for the applicable maturity. As the inputs into the valuation are primarily based upon readily observable pricing information, such resale and repurchase agreements are classified within Level 2 of the fair valuation hierarchy.

Exchange Traded Futures and Options

Where quoted prices for identical instruments are available in an active market, instruments are classified in Level 1 of the fair valuation hierarchy. Level 1 instruments include exchange traded futures and options, for which there are quoted prices in active markets.

Forward Settling Securities Trades and Forward Settling Resale and Repurchase Agreements

Forward settling trades includes mortgage-backed securities that will be issued in the future on a 'to be announced' basis (TBA's) and fixed income securities trades, resale and repurchase agreements with settlement dates beyond the time established by regulations or conventions in the marketplace. The fair value of forward settling transactions is based on the values of the underlying financial instruments to be delivered under the purchase and sale contracts and are classified as Level 2.

Fixed Assets and Leasehold Improvements

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Fixed assets are carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation for furniture, fixtures, computer equipment and amortization for leasehold improvements and capitalized software commence on the date placed into service. Furniture, fixtures and computer equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis using estimated useful lives which ranges from three to five years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the lesser of the estimated useful life of the asset or the remaining term of the related lease. Capitalized software costs are amortized based on straight-line basis over the estimated economic life, generally three years.

Goodwill and Intangibles

Goodwill relates to the acquisition of PCHL by SHUSA and represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets. The goodwill and intangible assets were pushed down to the Company by the Parent upon the merger of APS and SIS on February 3, 2023. The Company evaluates goodwill for impairment on an annual basis as of October 1 and in interim periods when events or changes indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. The Company has the option of performing a qualitative assessment of goodwill for its sole reporting unit to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value is less than the carrying value of a reporting unit. If it is more likely than not that the fair value exceeds the carrying value of the reporting unit, then no further testing is necessary; otherwise, the Company must perform a quantitative assessment of goodwill. The Company may elect to bypass the qualitative assessment and proceed directly to performing a quantitative assessment. The Company performed a quantitative assessment of its goodwill.

The Company currently does not have any intangible assets with indefinite lives other than goodwill. The Company evaluates intangible assets with finite lives for impairment on an annual basis or when events or changes indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. The Company also evaluates the remaining useful lives of intangible assets with finite lives each reporting period to determine whether events and circumstances warrant a revision to the remaining period of amortization.

For additional information on goodwill and other intangibles, see Note 10.

Leases

For leases with an original term longer than one year, lease liabilities are initially recognized on the lease commencement date based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term. A corresponding right-of-use (“ROU”) asset is initially recognized equal to the lease liability adjusted for any lease prepayments, initial direct costs and lease incentives. The ROU assets are included in fixed assets and the lease liabilities are included in accrued expenses and other liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

The discount rates used in determining the present value of leases represent the Company’s collateralized borrowing rate considering each lease’s term and currency for payment. Some of the leases may include options to extend or terminate the lease, but the Company does not include the option period as part of the lease term unless it is reasonably certain that the Company will exercise that option.

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Other Assets and Other Liabilities

The Company periodically evaluates the carrying value of other assets to determine if events or circumstances exist indicating that other assets may be impaired. Other assets include the Company's underwriting and syndicate fee receivables, clearing organization and exchange memberships including DTCC Common shares and ownership interests in ICE which consist of shares purchased as membership and a seat on that exchange, and prepaid expenses. The shares and the seat are reflected at cost, or if an other-than temporary impairment in value has occurred, at a value that reflects management's estimate of the impairment, in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

Underwriting and syndicate fee receivables resulting from capital markets activities are \$48,005,992. Underwriting and syndicate fee receivables are measured at amortized cost basis less expected credit losses. At December 31, 2024, there were no allowances for losses related to these receivables.

Other liabilities include accrued compensation, other accrued expenses, lease liabilities and cash collateral received from counterparties.

Revenue Recognized from Contracts with Customers

Investment Banking

The Company performs underwriting services for issuers that want to raise funds through the sale of securities. Revenues are earned from fees arising from securities offerings in which the Company acts as an underwriter. Revenue is recognized on the trade date (the date on which the Company purchases the securities from the issuer) for the portion that the Company is contracted to buy. The Company believes that this is the appropriate point in time as there are no significant actions which the Company needs to take subsequent to this date as the underwriting entity obtains the control and benefit of the referral service in the offering at that point.

Underwriting revenues also result from securitization activities related to commercial mortgage loans and mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities. Such transfers of financial assets are accounted for as sales when the Company has relinquished control over the transferred assets. The gain or loss on sale of such financial assets is recorded as investment banking revenues and is based upon their respective fair values at the date of sale. The Company does not retain any financial interests in the assets securitized.

Associated underwriting costs that are deferred are recognized in expense at the time the related revenues are earned. In the event that transactions are not completed and the securities are not issued, the Company immediately expenses these costs. At December 31, 2024, the balance of deferred underwriting costs was \$2,444,825.

Structuring and Advisory Fees

Structuring and advisory fees are primarily comprised of referral fees earned where the Company refers institutional clients to entities participating in real estate financing transactions. The transaction price is based on an agreed-upon percentage of the loan amount. Revenue is recognized at a point-in-time, shortly

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after the funding date, when the performance obligation (i.e. referral of clients results in a funded loan) is satisfied, as the Company believes that it is the appropriate point in time as there are no significant actions which the Company needs to take subsequent to this date and the client obtains the benefit of the services provided by the Company at that point.

Service Fees

The Company earns revenues for investment and other services performed for certain affiliates on a daily basis. The Company believes that the performance obligation for providing investment services and other services is satisfied over time because the customer is receiving and consuming the benefits as they are provided by the Company. Fee arrangements are based on cost plus a percentage applied to the costs incurred by the Company for providing such services. These revenues are accrued monthly and cash settled between monthly and annually depending on the agreement.

Commissions

The Company earns brokerage commissions for executing securities and futures transactions as part of its brokerage business. The performance obligation is satisfied on the trade date because that is when the underlying financial instrument is identified, the pricing is agreed upon and the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to/from the customer. Commissions and related clearing expenses are recorded on the trade date.

Principal Transactions

Principal transaction revenues are generated primarily from the sales and trading of securities and exchange traded derivatives. Realized gains and losses from these principal transactions are recognized on a trade date basis as transactions occur. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized on positions held at fair value. Amounts receivable and payable for principal transactions that have not settled as of the reporting date are recorded on a net basis in receivables from or payables to broker-dealers and financial institutions in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

Interest and Dividends Income and Expense

The Company earns interest income primarily on its cash balances, security positions and from collateralized agreements. The Company records interest income and expenses on an accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on an ex-dividend date basis.

Foreign Currency

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are remeasured into US dollar equivalents at spot foreign exchange rates prevailing as of the date of the consolidated statement of financial condition, while revenue and expense accounts are remeasured at the actual foreign exchange rate as of the date that the transaction occurred. Gains and losses resulting from foreign currency transactions are included in principal transactions in the consolidated statement of income.

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3. CASH SEGREGATED UNDER FEDERAL AND OTHER REGULATIONS

At December 31, 2024, cash of \$42,000,000 has been segregated on behalf of customers pursuant to the reserve formula requirements of Rule 15c3-3. In addition, cash of \$327,766,399 has been segregated pursuant to Regulation 1.20 under the Commodity Exchange Act.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table presents information about the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2024:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Financial assets:				
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 2,149,721,110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,149,721,110
U.S. Government agency debt	-	221,584,633	-	221,584,633
Mortgage-backed securities - US agency	-	7,292,750,633	1,811,494	7,294,562,127
Mortgage-backed securities - Non-agency	-	240,085,258	1,037,593	241,122,851
Corporate debt securities	-	241,637,505	297,039	241,934,544
Convertible debt securities	-	3,961,382	-	3,961,382
Foreign sovereign debt	-	-	259,075	259,075
Asset-backed securities	-	147,488,815	2,862,223	150,351,038
Equity securities	1,064,007	-	-	1,064,007
Exchange traded options	484,880	-	-	484,880
Exchange traded futures, interest rate and credit default swaps	-	4,539	-	4,539
Forward settling securities trades	-	132,235,175	-	132,235,175
Forward settling repos and resales	-	96,535	-	96,535
Total financial assets	<u>\$ 2,151,269,997</u>	<u>\$ 8,279,844,475</u>	<u>\$ 6,267,424</u>	<u>\$ 10,437,381,896</u>
Other assets				
Money market funds	\$ 747	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 747
Mutual funds	1,379,012	-	-	1,379,012
Total other assets	<u>\$ 1,379,759</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,379,759</u>
Financial liabilities:				
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 2,218,301,974	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,218,301,974
U.S. Government agency debt	-	20,037,760	-	20,037,760
Corporate debt securities	-	218,206,859	-	218,206,859
Convertible debt securities	-	1,872,210	-	1,872,210
Equity securities	1,834,879	-	-	1,834,879

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Exchange traded options	219,250	-	-	219,250
Exchange traded futures, interest rate and credit default swaps	-	5,051,886	-	5,051,886
Forward settling securities trades	-	22,094,338	-	22,094,338
Forward settling repos and resales	-	137,980	-	137,980
Total financial liabilities	<u>\$ 2,220,356,103</u>	<u>\$ 267,401,033</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,487,757,136</u>

The Company assesses its financial instruments on a periodic basis to determine the appropriate classifications within the fair value hierarchy and any transfers of financial instruments among levels are considered to be effective as of the end of the reporting period.

There are no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at December 31, 2024.

US GAAP requires disclosure of the estimated fair value of certain financial instruments and the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate their fair values. Certain financial instruments that are not carried at fair value on the balance sheet are carried at amounts that approximate fair value due to their short-term nature and generally negligible credit risk. These instruments include cash, cash segregated under federal regulations, securities borrowed, resales, deposits and receivables from clearing organizations, receivables from broker-dealers and financial institutions, receivables from customers, receivable from affiliates, other assets, loan payable, securities loaned, repos, payables to broker-dealers and financial institutions, payables to customers, and accrued expenses and other liabilities. Cash and cash segregated under federal regulations are considered Level 1 and the remaining items are considered Level 2.

5. DERIVATIVES ACTIVITIES

Derivatives contracts are financial instruments whose value is based upon the value of the underlying asset prices, indices, reference rates or any combination of these factors. The Company uses exchange-traded options and futures, credit default swaps, and forward settling securities trades as part of its trading business, as well as to actively manage risk exposures that arise from its trading in cash instruments. Unrealized gains and losses on these derivative contracts are recognized currently in the consolidated statement of income as principal transactions. The Company does not apply hedge accounting as defined in FASB ASC 815 because all financial instruments are recorded at fair value with changes in fair values reflected in consolidated statement of income.

Futures and Forwards. Contracts that commit counterparties to purchase or sell financial instruments, commodities or currencies in the future.

Swaps. Contracts that require counterparties to exchange cash flows such as currency or interest payment streams. The amounts exchanged are based on the specific terms of the contract with reference to specified rates, financial instruments, commodities, currencies or indices.

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Options. Contracts in which the option purchaser has the right, but not the obligation, to purchase from or sell to the option writer financial instruments, commodities or currencies within a defined time period for a specified price.

Forward Settling Securities and Repo Trades. The Company’s activities in forward settling trades include transactions in securities that are to be announced (“TBAs”) and transactions in which the settlement date is a date beyond the time generally established by regulations or conventions in the marketplace or exchange in which the transaction is executed. These financial instruments expose the Company to varying degrees of market and credit risk.

The Company records its derivative trading activities at fair value. Derivative assets and liabilities related to exchange traded options and forward trades are presented net, when the right of offset exists, and are included in “Financial instruments owned, at fair value” and “Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value,” respectively in the consolidated statement of financial condition. Derivative assets and liabilities related to futures and credit default swaps are the result of margin placed with brokers and are included in Receivable from broker dealers and clearing organizations in the consolidated statement of financial condition. Exchange traded options are considered Level 1 in the valuation hierarchy and forward trades, futures and credit default swaps are considered Level 2 in the valuation hierarchy.

	December 31, 2024		
	Notional value	Asset derivatives	Liability derivatives
Exchange traded futures, interest rate, and credit default swaps	\$ 5,406,975,000	\$ 4,539	\$ 5,051,886
Exchange traded options	325,000,000	484,880	219,250
Forward settling securities trades	22,740,381,463	132,235,175	22,094,338
Forward settling repos and resales	19,422,843,750	96,535	137,980
	<u>\$ 47,895,200,213</u>	<u>\$ 132,821,129</u>	<u>\$ 27,503,454</u>

6. RECEIVABLES FROM AND PAYABLES TO BROKER-DEALERS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS

Receivables from and payables to broker-dealers, financial institutions and clearing organizations consisted of the following at December 31, 2024:

	Receivables	Payables
Receivables/payables related to pending trades, net	\$ 146,993,436	\$ -
Accrued interest	73,774,606	45,484,619
Commodities and clearing brokers	60,310,304	106,676,832
Securities failed to deliver/receive	13,317,301	6,283,001
Other	-	1,663,734
	<u>\$ 294,395,647</u>	<u>\$ 160,108,186</u>

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The Company self-clears the majority of its fixed income business. The Company clears U.S. equity securities transactions through the Clearing Broker and international securities transactions through foreign affiliates and broker-dealers. Receivables from brokers, dealers, financial institutions, and clearing organizations represent affiliate and non-affiliate balances.

Securities failed to deliver and receive represent the contract value of securities that have not been delivered or received by the Company on settlement date.

Pending trades relate to purchases and sales of securities that have not reached their contractually scheduled settlement date.

7. RECEIVABLES FROM AND PAYABLES TO CUSTOMERS

At December 31, 2024, receivables from customers includes securities trades that have reached contractual settlement of \$6,331,339, cash collateral related to off-balance sheet transaction of \$3,543,000 and other receivables of \$3,998,312.

At December 31, 2024, payables to customers includes credit balances related to securities trades which have reached the contractual settlement date of \$14,581,799, excess cash collateral received related to off-balance sheet transactions of \$7,000, and other payables of \$2,222,531,655.

8. COLLATERALIZED AGREEMENTS

The Company has pledged \$10,048,364,875 of its financial instruments owned to counterparties that have the right to repledge these securities. The Company has no financial instruments pledged to counterparties that do not have the right to repledge the securities.

The Company has the right to sell or repledge all of the securities it has received under securities borrowed and securities resale agreements. These repledged securities have been used in the normal course of business.

At December 31, 2024, the Company has securities borrowed, resale agreements, securities loaned and repurchase agreements as follows:

	<u>Securities borrowed</u>	<u>Resale agreements</u>
Gross balance	\$ 980,719,540	\$ 31,862,731,010
Fair value of collateral received	\$ 950,554,449	\$ 31,677,625,022

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	<u>Securities loaned</u>	<u>Repurchase agreements</u>
Gross balance	\$ -	\$ 40,327,673,605
Fair value of collateral pledged	\$ -	\$ 40,311,758,589

The Company's counterparties to its repurchase agreements have the right by contract to sell or re-pledge the Company's pledged securities. At December 31, 2024, the Company had off-balance sheet forward commitments to enter into resale and repurchase agreements in the amounts of \$4,240,781,250 and \$15,182,062,500, respectively.

The Company has no repurchase to maturity transactions as of December 31, 2024.

The following table summarizes, by tenor and underlying collateral, repurchase agreements and securities loaned transactions accounted for as secured borrowings as of December 31, 2024:

	December 31, 2024				
	Remaining contractual maturity of the agreements				
	Overnight and continuous	Up to 30 days	31 to 90 days	91 days to one year	Total
Repurchase agreements					
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 12,941,542,308	\$ 4,993,434,083	\$ 3,190,215,552	\$ 2,242,375,000	\$ 23,367,566,943
Mortgage-backed securities	5,816,650,616	5,007,561,952	2,872,716,626	2,200,000,000	15,896,929,194
Other	402,725,419	78,173,233	582,278,816	-	1,063,177,468
Total repurchase agreements	<u>\$ 19,160,918,343</u>	<u>\$ 10,079,169,268</u>	<u>\$ 6,645,210,994</u>	<u>\$ 4,442,375,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,327,673,605</u>
Securities loaned					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total securities loaned	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gross amount of repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions accounted for as secured borrowings	<u>\$ 19,160,918,343</u>	<u>\$ 10,079,169,268</u>	<u>\$ 6,645,210,994</u>	<u>\$ 4,442,375,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,327,673,605</u>
Netting applied in accordance with applicable accounting guidance					<u>(24,707,285,180)</u>
Repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions reported in the consolidated statement of financial condition					<u>\$ 15,620,388,425</u>

Offsetting of Collateralized Agreements

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To manage exposure to credit risk associated with securities financing transactions, the Company may enter into master netting agreements and collateral arrangements with counterparties. Generally, transactions are executed under standard industry agreements, including, but not limited to, master securities lending agreements (securities lending transactions) and master repurchase agreements (repurchase transactions). A master agreement creates a single contract under which all transactions between two counterparties are executed allowing for trade aggregation and a single net payment obligation. Master agreements provide protection in bankruptcy in certain circumstances and, where legally enforceable, enable receivables and payables with the same counterparty to be settled or otherwise eliminated by applying amounts due against all or a portion of an amount due from the counterparty or a third party. In addition, the Company enters into customized bilateral trading agreements and other customer agreements that provide for the netting of receivables and payables with a given counterparty as a single net obligation.

In the event of the counterparty's default, provisions of the master agreement permit acceleration and termination of all outstanding transactions covered by the agreement such that a single amount is owed by, or to, the non-defaulting party. In addition, any collateral posted can be applied to the net obligations, with any excess returned; and the collateralized party has a right to liquidate the collateral. Any residual claim after netting is treated along with other unsecured claims in bankruptcy court.

The following table summarizes collateralized transactions at December 31, 2024:

	Gross amount	Gross amounts offset in the consolidated statement of financial condition	Amount presented in the consolidated statement of financial condition	Amounts not offset in the consolidated statement of financial condition (a)		Net amount
				Financial instruments	Cash collateral received	
<u>Assets:</u>						
Derivatives	\$ 137,966,114	\$ (5,144,985)	\$ 132,821,129	\$ 132,821,129	\$ -	\$ -
Securities borrowed	980,719,540	-	980,719,540	950,554,449	-	30,165,091
Resale agreements	31,862,731,010	(24,707,285,180)	7,155,445,830	7,135,843,294	-	19,602,536
<u>Liabilities:</u>						
Derivatives	\$ 32,648,439	\$ (5,144,985)	\$ 27,503,454	\$ 27,503,454	\$ -	\$ -
Securities loaned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repurchase agreements	40,327,673,605	(24,707,285,180)	15,620,388,425	15,583,416,927	-	36,971,498

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(a) Under master netting agreements with our counterparties, the Company has the legal right of offset with a counterparty, which incorporates all of the counterparty's outstanding rights and obligations under the arrangement. These balances reflect additional credit risk mitigation that is available by counterparty in the event of a counterparty's default, but which are not netted in the consolidated statement of financial condition because other netting provisions of U.S. GAAP are not met.

9. BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company operates under Santander's (the Ultimate Parent's) Corporate & Investment Bank ("CIB") which is the Company's sole business segment. The Chief Executive Officers of SHUSA, CIB US and the Company are the chief operating decision makers ("CODM") of this business segment.

The Company is a broker-dealer headquartered in New York and has significant capabilities in market-making via an experienced fixed-income sales and trading team. The Company also has a focus on underwriting in the debt and equity capital markets as well as structuring and advisory services for asset originators in the real estate and specialty finance markets. In addition, the Company provides brokerage services in exchange traded derivatives and serves clients in the cash equities markets. The Company has an institutional client base including asset managers, hedge funds, banks and brokerages, pension funds, insurance companies, and corporations. Additionally, the CODM uses excess net capital (see Note 20), which is not a measure of profit and loss, to make operational decisions while maintaining capital adequacy, such as whether to reinvest profits or pay dividends. The Company's operations constitute a single operating segment and therefore, a single reportable segment, because the CODM manages the business activities using information of the Company as a whole. The accounting policies used to measure the profit and loss of the segment are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. The U. S. GAAP results reported to the CODM is substantially the same as the consolidated statement of financial condition.

10. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET

Goodwill

Goodwill is evaluated for impairment on an annual basis as of October 1 and in interim periods when events or changes indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. The Company operates under a single business segment and a single reporting unit called Corporate and Investment Bank. At December 31, 2024, all of the \$170,504,316 of goodwill was allocated to this unit.

Other Intangible Assets

The following table summarizes the Company's other intangible assets as of December 31, 2024 with finite lives consisting of customer relationships and technology related assets:

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	<u>Gross intangible asset</u>	<u>Accumulated amortization</u>	<u>Intangible assets, net</u>
Customer relationships	\$ 25,315,900	\$ (7,631,267)	\$ 17,684,633
IT intangibles	6,000,000	(5,349,794)	650,206
	<u>\$ 31,315,900</u>	<u>\$ (12,981,061)</u>	<u>\$ 18,334,839</u>

11. FIXED ASSETS AND LEASHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, NET

Fixed assets and leasehold improvements, net consisted of the following at December 31, 2024:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>	<u>Fixed assets and leasehold improvements, net</u>
Computer equipment and software	\$ 56,886,906	\$ (33,866,481)	\$ 23,020,425
Leasehold improvements	15,570,408	(14,008,854)	1,561,554
Furniture and office equipment	1,281,929	(1,216,458)	65,471
	<u>\$ 73,739,243</u>	<u>\$ (49,091,793)</u>	<u>\$ 24,647,450</u>

The Company leases office space under operating leases with maturity dates ranging from April 2025 to October 2028. Some of the leases may include an option to renew the lease, but the Company generally does not include optional periods as part of the lease term, unless it is reasonably certain that the Company will exercise the option(s). In addition to rent payments, the operating leases may also require payment for real estate taxes, insurance costs, common area maintenance, and utilities. These payments typically are not fixed. The Company accounts for these costs as variable payments and excludes them from the monthly fixed rent payment amounts included in the lease liability calculations.

The operating lease liability consists of the fixed rental payments discounted to present value using the Company's incremental borrowing rate (IBR) for each lease, as the rate implicit in the lease is generally not readily determinable.

The Company has elected to account for lease components and non-lease components associated with its leases (e.g., common area maintenance costs) as a single lease component for its real estate and equipment leases, as permitted by the lease accounting guidance. Additionally, the Company has also elected the short-term lease exemption, which exempts the Company from recognizing the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases with terms of 12 months or less.

At December 31, 2024, the Company's right of use asset and lease liabilities are \$1,588,605 and \$1,684,289, respectively.

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The following table summarizes the Company's weighted-average remaining lease term and the weighted-average discount rate as of December 31, 2024:

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2024</u>
Weighted-average remaining lease term	3 Years
Weighted-average discount rate	5.64%

The following table presents the maturity analysis of the Company's operating lease liabilities as of December 31,:

<u>Maturity of lease liabilities at December 31,</u>	
2025	\$ 720,989
2026	478,623
2027	412,808
2028	<u>204,360</u>
Total lease payments	1,816,780
less: Imputed interest	<u>(132,491)</u>
Present value of lease liabilities	<u>\$ 1,684,289</u>

12. OTHER ASSETS AND ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER LIABILITIES

Other assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2024:

Underwriting and syndicate fee receivables	\$ 48,005,992
Deferred shares upfront payment	19,139,164
Prepaid expenses	13,818,794
Clearing organizations and exchange memberships	871,215
Other	<u>12,065,479</u>
	<u>\$ 93,900,644</u>

Underwriting and syndicate fee receivables represent fee income receivables resulting from capital markets activities.

Deferred shares upfront payment represents payments made to the Ultimate Parent for shares of the Ultimate Parent to be distributed in the future under the deferred compensation plan (see Note 18).

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Accrued expenses and other liabilities consisted of the following at December 31, 2024:

Compensation payables	\$ 226,477,878
Accrued expenses	47,788,693
Service fees payables to affiliate	17,492,948
Syndicate fee payable	4,551,651
Other	15,839,122
	<u>\$ 312,150,292</u>

13. SUBORDINATED AND UNSUBORDINATED LOAN AGREEMENTS

Subordinated borrowings are subordinated to all existing and future claims of all non-subordinated creditors of the Company and constitute part of the Company's net capital under the Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Rule 15c3-1). Subordinated borrowings may be repaid only if, after giving effect to such repayment, the Company meets the net capital requirements.

The Company has a Revolving Note and Cash Subordination Agreement (Revised Subordinated Revolver on May 21, 2021) with SHUSA for up to \$750,000,000 bearing a floating rate with an expiration date of December 20, 2028. Borrowings under the Revised Subordinated Revolver bear interest at Overnight SOFR + 150 bps. The Company also pays a commitment fee of 50 bps on the undrawn balance.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company borrowed under the Subordinated Revolver several times in the total of \$2,600,000,000 and subsequently repaid the entire amount. The average interest rate for the borrowings during the year ended December 31, 2024 was 7.10%. At December 31, 2024, commitment fee payable of \$322,917 was included in accrued expense and other liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial condition (see Note 16).

The Company has a liquidity line with SHUSA to support the settlement of billing and delivery roles in underwriting transactions. The line is \$6,000,000,000 and the current rate of borrowing is Overnight SOFR + 215bps. The company also currently pays a commitment fee of 2 bps on the undrawn balance. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company borrowed under the liquidity line several times for a total of \$24,310,500,000 and subsequently repaid the entire amount. The average interest rate for the borrowings during the year ended December 31, 2024 was 7.44%. At December 31, 2024, commitment fee payable of \$106,557 was included in accrued expense and other liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial condition (see Note 16).

The Company has a committed unsecured operating line of credit with SHUSA for general operating purposes. The line is \$400,000,000 and the current rate of borrowing is Overnight SOFR + 120bps. The company also currently pays a commitment fee of 75 bps on the undrawn balance. As of December 31, 2024, the Company had a drawn balance of \$275,000,000 that was borrowed for operating purposes and is presented in loan payable in the consolidated statement of financial condition. The average interest rate for the borrowings during the year ended December 31, 2024 was 6.35%. At December 31, 2024, commitment fee payable of \$399,479 was included in accrued expense and other liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial condition (see Note 16).

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14. OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

In the normal course of business, the Company's activities involve execution of various securities and futures transactions as principal or agent. These activities may expose the Company to risk in the event counterparties are unable to fulfill their contractual obligations. The Company's counterparties include customers and certain related entities, generally U.S. institutional investors, and broker-dealers that are members of major regulated exchanges.

The Company records customer securities and futures transactions in conformity with the settlement cycle of the respective country, which is generally one to five business days after trade date. The Company is therefore exposed to off-balance-sheet risk of loss on unsettled transactions in the event customers and other counterparties are unable to fulfill their contractual obligations.

The Company seeks to control the risks associated with these activities by requiring the counterparty to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines. The Company monitors required margin levels daily and, pursuant to such guidelines, requests counterparties to deposit additional collateral, or reduce securities or other positions when necessary.

At December 31, 2024, the Company maintained cash with major financial institutions, which at times, may exceed federally insured limits set by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not subject to minimal credit risk on its cash.

15. COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND GUARANTEES

Contingent Liabilities

The Company entered into employment contracts in which the Company agreed to make guaranteed payments totaling \$157,210,367 provided that the employees remained employed with the Company. These payments include cash and equity shares of the Ultimate Parent to be paid as follows:

<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
2025	\$ 69,879,898
2026	44,358,036
2027	21,225,086
2028	16,393,946
2029	5,353,401
Total	<u>\$ 157,210,367</u>

Representation, Warranties and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Company may be named, from time to time, as a defendant in various legal actions, including arbitrations class actions and other litigation, arising in connection with its activities as a broker-dealer. The Company may also be involved, from time to time, in other reviews, investigations, and proceedings (formal and informal) by governmental and self-regulatory agencies regarding the Company's business.

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The Company evaluates the outcome of each contingent matter as appropriate. A liability is established when the loss contingency is probable and the amount is estimable. In many proceedings, however, it is inherently difficult to predict the eventual outcome of the pending matters, the timing of the ultimate resolution of the matters, or the eventual loss, fines or penalties related to the matter.

The Company does not believe, based on current knowledge and after consultation with counsel, that the outcome of such pending matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated statement of financial condition, liquidity or consolidated statement of income.

Guarantees

In the normal course of business, the Company provides guarantees to clearing houses and exchanges. These guarantees generally are required under the standard membership agreements, such that members are required to guarantee the performance of other members. To mitigate these performance risks, the exchanges and clearinghouses often require members to post collateral. The Company's liability under these arrangements is not quantifiable and could exceed the collateral amount posted. However, the potential for the Company to be required to make payments under such guarantees is deemed remote. Accordingly, no contingent liability was recorded in the consolidated statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2024.

Other

The Company executes certain transactions primarily on an agency basis through its Clearing Broker. The Company maintains a collateral deposit at the Clearing Broker in the form of cash. In the event a customer fails to fulfill its obligation, the Company's Clearing Broker has the right to deduct any loss or expense incurred from the deposit account. At December 31, 2024, cash of \$295,834 was on deposit at the Clearing Broker and included in deposits with and receivables from clearing organizations and Clearing Broker in the consolidated statement of financial condition. The Company did not record any liabilities under this arrangement as of December 31, 2024.

16. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As of ended December 31, 2024, the related-party balances consisted of the following:

Assets:	
Cash	\$ 18,042,002
Receivables from broker-dealers, financial institutions and clearing organization	3,961,990
Securities purchased under resale agreements	7,747,699
Receivables from customers	1,740,000
Receivables from affiliates	75,982,555
Other assets	21,450,890

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Liabilities:

Loan payable	\$	275,000,000
Payables to broker-dealers, financial institutions and clearing organizations		745,760
Securities sold under repurchase agreements		1,103,995,362
Payables to affiliates		267,766
Payables to customers		2,094,895,238
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		22,444,078

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into transactions with its affiliates. The Company executes and clears securities and futures and options transactions on behalf of its affiliates and earns commissions on such services performed. The Company also executes, clears and custodies certain of its securities transactions through various affiliates in Latin America and Europe. Pursuant to such arrangements the affiliates pay the Company for commissions and the Company pays the affiliates for clearance and execution services received. At December 31, 2024, commissions receivable from affiliates of \$64,739 was included in receivables from affiliates in the consolidated statement of financial condition. Also included in accrued expenses and other liabilities was payable to affiliates for clearance and execution services in the amount of \$35,000 at December 31, 2024.

The Company participates in various underwriting activities for its affiliates and fees earned are included in investment banking revenue in the consolidated statement of income. At December 31, 2024, the related receivables of \$2,188,983 were included in other assets in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

The Company earns revenues from investment and other services performed for certain affiliates under service level agreements. At December 31, 2024, receivables of \$50,336,079 were included in receivables from affiliates in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

The Company also pays for services such as management, administrative support services, systems and risk management received from its affiliates including SHUSA and the Ultimate Parent under service agreements. At December 31, 2024, there was no payable balance that was included in accrued expenses and other liabilities. In addition, the Company also provides operational services to its New York affiliate, which also makes certain payments on behalf of the Company and the Company remits the payment later. Receivables from and payables to its New York affiliate arising from the above arrangements are settled net. At December 31, 2024, the net receivable from the New York affiliate of \$49,484,566 was included in receivables from affiliates in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

Membership in Exchange -The Ultimate Parent was approved under CME Rule 106.1, as an Affiliated Member Firm and owns the membership under this rule. The Company is a clearing member of the CME at no cost since the membership is owned by the Ultimate Parent and the business is performed exclusively for its benefit.

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17. INCOME TAXES

SanCap and its subsidiary are both single-member limited liability companies (SMLLCs) that are ultimately owned by SCH, and as such are treated as disregarded entities for federal and state income tax purposes. Federal and state income taxes are calculated based on the SMLLC's activity that is included in SCH's federal and state income tax returns.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes. The Company adopted this standard as of January 1, 2023 prospectively. The ASU specifies that an entity is not required to allocate any portion of the consolidated amount of current and deferred tax expense to a legal entity that is not subject to tax, such as a SMLLC, in its separate statement of financial condition.

18. DEFERRED COMPENSATION AND BENEFIT PLANS

The Company is a participant, in conjunction with other affiliates, in a defined benefit pension plan and post-retirement benefit plan sponsored by Banco Santander S.A., New York Branch (the "Plan Sponsor"), covering substantially all employees. Benefits are based on years of service and the average compensation during the five highest paid consecutive calendar years. The funding policy is to contribute the annual pension costs accrued, but not less than the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 minimum and not more than the maximum amount deductible for tax purposes. Allocations of plan costs, assets, actuarial gains, and elements of plan performance between the affiliates have been determined by an actuary. Effective December 31, 2010, the defined benefit pension plan was frozen. As of December 31, 2024, the Company had no share of pension liability. This plan will be settled in 2025.

The Company also participates with other affiliates, in an employee deferred compensation plan sponsored by Santander Holdings USA, covering substantially all employees, which qualify under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In 2010, the Ultimate Parent established and approved a deferred compensation plan that the Company participates in. In accordance with the plan, distributions (whether payable in cash or shares of Ultimate Parent common stock) will be made in three equal installments over a three-year period, if the employee remains employed at the Company or an affiliate of Santander Group through the applicable payment date. Upon each award, the Company has made up front payments for the shares to be distributed in the future of \$19,139,164 (see Note 12). At December 31, 2024, deferred compensation liability of \$9,427,314 was included in accrued compensation and benefits in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

19. VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

Variable interest entities ("VIEs") are entities in which equity investors lack the characteristics of a controlling financial interest. VIEs are consolidated by the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary is the party who has both (1) the power to direct the activities of a variable interest entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and (2) an obligation to absorb losses of the entity or a right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the entity.

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The Company determines whether it is the primary beneficiary of a VIE upon initial involvement with the VIE and reassess whether it is the primary beneficiary of a VIE on an ongoing basis. The determination of whether the Company is the primary beneficiary of a VIE is based upon the facts and circumstances for each VIE and requires significant judgment.

Considerations in determining the VIE's most significant activities and whether the Company has the power to direct those activities include, but are not limited to, the VIE's purpose and design and the risks passed through to investors, the voting interests of the VIE, management, service and/or other agreements of the VIE, involvement in the VIE's initial design and the existence of explicit or implicit financial guarantees.

Variable interests in a VIE are assessed both individually and in aggregate to determine whether the Company has an obligation to absorb losses of or a right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. The determination of whether the Company's variable interest is significant to the VIE requires significant judgment. In determining the significance of the Company's variable interest, management considers the terms, characteristics and size of the variable interests, the design and characteristics of the VIE, the Company's involvement in the VIE and the Company's market-making activities related to variable interests.

FDLLC was formed for the limited purpose of purchasing assets and otherwise consummating and carrying out securitization activity for the Company. In the Company's securitization transactions, the Company transfers these assets to special purpose entities ("SPEs") and act as the placement or structuring agent for the beneficial interests sold to investors by the SPE. A significant portion of the Company's securitization transactions are securitization of assets issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies. These SPEs generally meet the criteria of variable interest entities; however, the Company generally does not consolidate the SPEs as the Company is not considered the primary beneficiary for these SPEs.

The Company accounts for its securitization transactions as sales, provided it has relinquished control over the transferred assets. Transferred assets are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reflected in principal transaction revenues in the consolidated statement of income prior to the identification and isolation for securitization. The Company generally receives cash proceeds in connection with the transfer of assets to an SPE.

Management has concluded that it is not required to consolidate the VIE's related to securitized transactions as the Company and FDLLC do not retain any economic interest in the transferred assets or an obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from the entity through the securitizations.

20. REGULATORY CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

As a registered broker dealer, SanCap is subject to SEC Rule 15c3-1, which requires the maintenance of minimum regulatory net capital. SanCap utilizes the alternative method pursuant to Rule 15c3-1, which requires that SanCap maintain minimum net capital equal to the greater of 2% of aggregate debit items arising from customer transactions, as defined, or \$1,000,000.

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As an FCM, SanCap is subject to minimum financial requirements pursuant to Regulation 1.17 under the Commodity Exchange Act, which requires the maintenance of regulatory capital equal to the greater of \$1,000,000, or 8% of the domestic and foreign domiciled customer and house risk maintenance margin performance bond requirements for all domestic and foreign futures and options on futures contracts, excluding the risk margin associated with naked long options positions.

As an OTC IRS clearing member, SanCap is required to maintain a minimum capital with CME in the amount equal to the greater of the CFTC or SEC capital requirement, \$50,000,000, or 20% of aggregate performance bond requirements for all customer and house accounts containing CME-cleared IRS positions.

Also, 10% of excess collateral on resale agreements as defined in SEA Rule 15c3-1 are added to the above requirements.

As of December 31, 2024, SanCap's net capital pursuant to CEA Regulation 1.17 capital requirement (FCM 8% margin) of \$170,269,572 resulted in a greater regulatory net capital requirement than the SEC requirement. As of December 31, 2024, SanCap had regulatory net capital of \$455,419,936, which was \$285,025,644 in excess of the net capital requirement of \$170,394,292.

The firm is also subject to Rule 15c3-3 of the SEA. At December 31, 2024, SanCap computed the reserve requirement for customers and was required to segregate \$7,556,071 in the special reserve bank account for the exclusive benefit of customers. At December 31, 2024 the amount held on deposit in the special reserve bank account was \$42,000,000. SanCap does not carry Proprietary Accounts of Broker-Dealers (PAB) and therefore did not perform a computation of reserve requirements for PAB pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.

As an FCM, segregated assets on deposit to meet requirements pursuant to CEA Section 4d(2) and CFTC Regulation 30.7 at December 31, 2024 were \$2,393,704,648 and \$1,002,183, respectively.

21. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated events and transactions through February 26, 2025, the date on which these consolidated statement of financial condition are available to be issued. The Company did not note any subsequent events requiring disclosures in or adjustment to the consolidated statement of financial condition.

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Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and
Regulation 1.17 under the Commodities Exchange Act
As of December 31, 2024

Member's equity	\$ 1,094,314,687
Non-allowable assets	
Receivable from broker-dealers and financial institutions	1,035,785
Receivable and cash from affiliates	78,519,039
Securities owned not readily marketable	45,492,324
Goodwill and intangibles, net	188,839,155
Fixed assets and leasehold improvements, net	23,059,187
Prepaid expenses and other	95,823,990
Total non-allowable assets	432,769,480
Futures related charges	43,095,189
Other deductions and charges	7,092,121
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	611,357,897
Haircuts on securities	155,937,961
Net capital	455,419,936
Net capital requirement	170,394,292
Excess net capital	\$ 285,025,644

There were no material differences between the above computation of net capital and that reported by the Company in its unaudited FOCUS report as of December 31, 2024.

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Statement of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation for Customers Trading on U.S. Commodity Exchanges Pursuant to Section 4d(2) under the Commodity Exchange Act

As of December 31, 2024

Segregation requirements

Net ledger balance - cash	\$ 2,110,466,939
Net ledger balance - securities	833,993,575
Net unrealized loss in open futures contracts	(621,434,762)
Market value of open options contracts purchased	67,280,468
Market value of open options contracts sold	<u>(75,061,660)</u>
Amount required to be segregated	<u>2,315,244,560</u>

Funds in segregated accounts

Deposits in segregated funds bank accounts - cash	326,764,216
Margin on deposits with clearing organizations - cash	1,283,756,747
Margin on deposits with clearing organizations - securities	833,993,575
Net settlements due to clearing organizations	(43,028,698)
Market value of open options contracts purchased	67,280,468
Market value of open options contracts sold	<u>(75,061,660)</u>
Total amount in segregation	<u>2,393,704,648</u>

Excess funds in segregation	<u>\$ 78,460,088</u>
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Management target amount for excess funds in segregation	<u>\$ 70,000,000</u>
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Excess funds in segregation over management target amount	<u>\$ 8,460,088</u>
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There were no material differences between the above computation of segregation requirements and funds in segregation and that reported by the Company in its unaudited FOCUS report as of December 31, 2024.

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Statement of Secured Amounts and Funds Held in Separate Accounts for Foreign Futures and Foreign Options Customers Pursuant to Regulation 30.7 under the Commodity Exchange Act

As of December 31, 2024

Foreign futures and foreign options secured amounts

Net ledger balance - foreign futures and options trading - cash	\$	-
Net ledger balance - foreign futures and options trading - securities		-
Net unrealized profit in open futures contracts traded on a foreign board of trade		-
Market value of open options contracts purchased on a foreign board of trade		-
Market value of open options contracts sold on a foreign board of trade		-
Net equity (deficit)		-
Accounts liquidating to a deficit and with debit balances - gross amount		-
Less: amount offset by customer owned securities		-
Amount required to be set aside as the secured amount - net liquidating equity method		-
Greater of amount required to be set aside pursuant to foreign jurisdiction	\$	-

Funds deposited in separate 30.7 accounts

Cash in banks - located in the United States	\$	-
Cash in banks - other banks qualified under 17 CFR 30.7		1,002,183
Securities - in safekeeping with banks located in the United States		-
Securities - in safekeeping with other banks designated by 17 CFR 30.7		-
Equities with registered futures commission merchants		-
Amounts held by clearing organizations of foreign boards of trade		-
Amounts held by members of foreign boards of trade		-
Amounts with other depositories designated by a foreign board of trade		-
Segregated funds on hand		-
Total funds in separate 17 CFR 30.7 accounts		1,002,183
Excess (deficiency) set aside funds for secured amount		1,002,183
Management target amount for excess funds in separate 17 CFR 30.7 accounts		1,000,000
Excess (deficiency) funds in separate 17 CFR 30.7 accounts over (under) management target excess	\$	2,183

There were no material differences between the above computation of secured amounts and funds deposited in separate 30.7 accounts and that reported by the Company in its unaudited FOCUS report as of December 31, 2024.