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	For the quarterly period	ended December 31, 2019	
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Title of each class	Trading S	Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.) Yes □ No ☒

As of February 10, 2020, the registrant had 58,343,212 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001, issued and outstanding.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

(All amounts in thousands of United States dollars, unless otherwise stated)

	De	cember 31, 2019	N	1arch 31, 2019
ASSETS	Ф	02.652	Ф	40.060
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash	\$	93,653	\$	49,960
Trading securities		49,726 164,145		38,460 167,949
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value		7,483		107,949
Brokerage and other receivables, net		157,217		73,836
Loans issued		10,775		2,525
Deferred tax assets		281		1,265
Derivative assets		242		-,
Fixed assets, net		6,619		5,563
Intangible assets, net		4,430		4,226
Goodwill		2,969		2,936
Operating lease right-of-use assets		15,748		-
Other assets, net		9,953		4,189
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	523,241	\$	350,911
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Securities sold, not yet purchased – at fair value	\$	4,385	\$	-
Loans received		-		4,008
Debt securities issued		39,150		28,538
Customer liabilities		192,754		82,032
Trade payables Deferred distribution payments		56,130 8,534		32,695 8,534
Securities repurchase agreement obligations		57,875		73,621
Current income tax liability		165		75,021
Operating lease obligations		17,270		-
Other liabilities		5,067		3,132
		2,007		3,132
TOTAL LIABILITIES		381,330		233,314
Commitments and Contingent Liabilities		-		-
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Preferred stock - \$0.001 par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding Common stock - \$0.001 par value; 500,000,000 shares authorized; 58,343,212 and 58,043,212 shares		-		-
issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, respectively		58		58
Additional paid in capital		102,149		99,093
Retained earnings		62,007		41,498
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(21,618)		(23,052)
TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPANY		142,596		117,597
Noncontrolling interest		(685)		-
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		141,911		117,597
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	523,241	\$	350,911

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) (Unaudited)

(All amounts in thousands of United States dollars, except share data, unless otherwise stated)

	Three months ended December 31,				Nine months ended December 31,			
		2019		2018		2019		2018
Revenue: Fee and commission income Net gain on trading securities Interest income Net loss on foreign exchange operations	\$	20,583 6,448 3,063 (1,080)	\$	12,274 11,641 2,976 (498)	\$	69,538 12,957 8,999 (241)	\$	31,033 12,669 11,823 (3,746)
Net gain on derivatives TOTAL REVENUE, NET		29,570		26,393		91,809		51,779
Expense: Interest expense Fee and commission expense Operating expense Provision /(recovery) for impairment losses Other expense/(income), net Loss from disposal of subsidiary TOTAL EXPENSE NET INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	_	3,167 5,525 16,608 152 118 - 25,570 4,000	_	3,180 1,422 12,117 243 (14) - 16,948 9,445	_	9,976 14,068 43,214 (1,316) 675 - 66,617 25,192	_	11,471 3,155 31,272 358 223 15 46,494 5,285
Income tax benefit/(expense)		50		(545)		(4,292)		(1,009)
NET INCOME	\$	4,050	\$	8,900	\$	20,900	\$	4,276
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in subsidiary NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	\$	(991) 5,041	\$	8,900	\$	(1,120) 22,020	\$	4,276
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) Change in unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of tax effect Reclassification adjustment relating to available-for-sale securities disposed of in the period, net of tax effect Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax effect	\$	(1) - 2,841	\$	- (5,596)	\$	26 - 1,408	\$	- 22 (17,836)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) BEFORE NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS	\$	6,890	\$	3,304	\$	22,334	\$	(13,538)
Less: Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in subsidiary		(991)				(1,120)		
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS BASIC NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE DILUTED NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE Weighted average number of shares (basic) Weighted average number of shares (diluted)		7,881 0.07 0.07 8,158,864 8,391,547		3,304 0.15 0.15 8,038,864 8,248,924		23,454 0.36 0.36 8,116,825 8,335,749		0.07 0.07 0.07 8,035,103 8,225,549

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(All amounts in thousands of United States dollars, unless otherwise stated)

	For the nine mor			onths ended		
		cember 31, 2019]	December 31, 2018		
		201)	_	51, 2016		
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	_		_			
Net income	\$	20,900	\$	4,276		
Adjustments to reconcile net income from operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		1,925		1,503		
Depreciation of lease assets		3,322		-		
Loss on sale of fixed assets		202		31		
Change in deferred taxes		1,001		(260)		
Stock compensation expense		2,100		2,533		
Share based payment		836		-		
Unrealized loss on trading securities		5,251		9,623		
Unrealized gain on derivative asset		(233)		=		
Net change in accrued interest		610		75		
Allowance for receivables		(1,316)		350		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:						
Changes in lease liabilities		(4,733)		-		
Trading securities		(59)		14,277		
Brokerage and other receivables		(80,423)		(28,968)		
Loans issued		(8,180)		5,644		
Other assets		(5,763)		(292)		
Customer liabilities		105,560		32,620		
Current income tax liability		(593)		81		
Trade payables		22,069		4,931		
Securities sold, not yet purchased		4,385		(1,071)		
Other liabilities		1,784		526		
Net cash flows from operating activities		68,645	_	45,879		
Cash Flows From Investing Activities						
Purchase of fixed assets		(3,608)		(4,311)		
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		468		268		
Proceeds from sale/(purchase) of available-for-sale securities, at						
fair value, net		(7,455)		235		
Consideration paid for Asyl Invest		-		(2,240)		
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(10,595)		(6,048)		
Cash Flows From Financing Activities						
Repurchase of securities repurchase agreement obligations		(15,285)		(65,238)		
Proceeds from issuance of debt securities		17,722		22,059		
Repurchase of debt securities		(7,256)		(3,346)		
Proceeds from loans received		-		5,615		
Repayment of loans received		(4,008)		(8,143)		
Exercise of options		455		-		
Capital contributions		_		245		
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(8,372)		(48,808)		
Effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on cash						
and cash equivalents		5,281		(10,188)		
and cash equivalents		5,201		(10,100)		
NET CHANGE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH		54,959		(19,165)		
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH, BEGINNING OF PERIOD		88,420		87,693		
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH, END OF PERIOD	\$	143,379	\$	68,528		
	-	0,017	=	50,520		

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued) (Unaudited) (All amounts in thousands of United States dollars, unless otherwise stated)

	F	hs ended			
		December 31, 2019		December 31, 2018	
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:					
Cash paid for interest	\$	7,686	\$	10,654	
Income tax paid	\$	5,094	\$	417	
Supplemental non-cash disclosures:					
Operating lease right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease obligations	\$	14,960	\$	_	
Lease obligations obtained on adoption of new lease standard	\$	16,471	\$	-	

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Unaudited) (All amounts in thousands of United States dollars, except share data, unless otherwise stated)

	Commo	n Stock	•				
At March 31, 2018	Shares 58,033,212	Amount \$ 58	Additional paid in capital \$ 100,180	Retained earnings \$ 34,352	loss	ve Noncontrollin interest \$ -	Total \$ 127,033
11t Water 31, 2010	30,033,212	\$ 30	\$ 100,100	ψ 5 1,552	φ (1,331)	Ψ –	\$ 127,033
Capital contributions	10,000	_	245	-		_	245
Acquisition of Asyl Invest	-	_	(2,240)	-	-	-	(2,240)
Acquisition of Nettrader	_	-	(2,590)	-	- <u>-</u>	-	(2,590)
Stock based compensation	-	=	2,533	-		-	2,533
Reclassification adjustment relating to							
available-for-sale investments disposed							
of in the period, net of tax effect	-	-	-	-	- 22	-	22
Translation difference	-	-	-	-	(17,836)	-	(17,836)
Net income				4,276	-		4,276
At December 31, 2018	58,043,212	\$ 58	\$ 98,128	\$ 38,628	\$ (25,371)	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 111,443
At March 31, 2019	58,043,212	\$ 58	\$ 99,093	\$ 41,498	\$ (23,052)	\$ -	\$ 117,597
Cumulative-effect adjustment due to							
adoption of ASU 2016-02 ⁽¹⁾	_	-	_	(1,511	-	-	(1,511)
Exercise of options	230,000	-	455		· -	-	455
Stock based compensation	=	-	2,100	-	-	=	2,100
Share based payment	70,000	-	836	-		-	836
Sale of Freedom UA shares	-	-	(335)	-		435	100
Change in unrealized gain on available-							
for-sale securities, net of tax effect	-	=	-	-	- 26	-	26
Translation difference	-	-	-	-	1,408	-	1,408
Net income/(loss)	_		_	22,020		(1,120)	20,900
At December 31, 2019	58,343,212	\$ 58	\$ 102,149	\$ 62,007	\$ (21,618)	\$ (685)	\$ 141,911

⁽¹⁾ Cumulative-effect adjustment to beginning retained earnings related to the recognition of pre-existing lease liabilities and operating lease right-of-use assets in accordance with ASU 2016-02, adopted as of April 1, 2019.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (All amounts in thousands of United States dollars, unless otherwise stated)

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Overview

Freedom Holding Corp. (the "Company" or "FRHC") is a corporation organized in the United States under the laws of the State of Nevada that through its operating subsidiaries provides financial services including retail securities brokerage, research, investment counseling, securities trading, market making, corporate investment banking and underwriting services in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The Company is headquartered in Almaty, Kazakhstan, with supporting administrative office locations in Russia, Cyprus and the United States. The Company has retail locations in Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Germany. The Company's common stock was uplisted from the OTCQX Best Market and began trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market on October 15, 2019.

The Company owns directly, or through subsidiaries, the following companies: LLC Investment Company Freedom Finance, a Moscow, Russia-based securities broker-dealer ("Freedom RU"); LLC FFIN Bank, a Moscow, Russia-based bank ("FFIN Bank"); JSC Freedom Finance, an Almaty, Kazakhstan-based securities broker-dealer ("Freedom KZ"); Freedom Finance Cyprus Limited, a Limassol, Cyprus-based broker-dealer ("Freedom CY"); Freedom Finance Germany TT GmbH ("Freedom GE"), a Munich, Germany-based tied agent of Freedom CY; LLC Freedom Finance Uzbekistan, a Tashkent, Uzbekistan-based broker-dealer ("Freedom UZ"); and FFIN Securities, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("FFIN").

To comply with certain foreign ownership restrictions relating to registered Ukrainian broker-dealers, on August 24, 2019, the Company sold 67.12% of the outstanding equity interest of LLC Freedom Finance Ukraine, a Kiev, Ukraine-based broker-dealer ("Freedom UA") to Askar Tashtitov, the Company's president. The Company retained the remaining 32.88% of the outstanding equity interests in Freedom UA. On August 24, 2019, the Company also entered into a series of contractual arrangements with Freedom UA and Mr. Tashtitov, including a consulting services agreement, an operating agreement and an option agreement. Because such agreements obligate the Company to guarantee the performance of all Freedom UA obligations and provide Freedom UA sufficient funding to cover all Freedom UA operating losses and net capital requirements, enable the Company to receive 90% of the net profits of Freedom UA after tax, and require the Company to provide Freedom UA the management competence, operational support, and ongoing access to the Company's significant assets, technology resources and expertise to necessary to conduct the business of Freedom UA, the Company accounts for Freedom UA as a variable interest entity ("VIE") under the accounting standards of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"). Accordingly, the financial statements of Freedom UA are consolidated into the financial statements of the Company.

The Company's subsidiaries are participants on the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE), Astana International Exchange (AIX), Moscow Exchange (MOEX), Saint-Petersburg Exchange (SPBX), Ukrainian Exchange (UX), and Republican Stock Exchange of Tashkent (UZSE). Freedom CY serves to provide the Company's clients with operations support and access to the investment opportunities, relative stability, and integrity of the U.S. and European securities markets, which under the regulatory regimes of a number of jurisdictions where the Company operates do not currently allow investors direct access to international securities markets.

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Unless otherwise specifically indicated or as is otherwise contextually required, FRHC, Freedom RU, FFIN Bank, Freedom KZ, Freedom CY, Freedom UA, Freedom UZ and FFIN are collectively referred to herein as the "Company".

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation and principles of consolidation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the nine month period ended December 31, 2019, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020.

The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at March 31, 2019, has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements at that date but does not include all the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements.

The Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements present the consolidated accounts of FRHC, Freedom RU, Freedom KZ, FFIN Bank, Freedom CY, Freedom UZ, Freedom UZ, Freedom GE and FFIN. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated from the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2019.

Consolidation of variable interest entities

In accordance with accounting standards regarding consolidation of variable interest entities, VIEs are generally entities that lack sufficient equity to finance their activities without additional financial support from other parties or whose equity holders lack adequate decision making ability. VIEs must be evaluated to determine the primary beneficiary of the risks and rewards of the VIE. The primary beneficiary is required to consolidate the VIE for financial reporting purposes.

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Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management believes that the estimates used in preparing its financial statements are reasonable and prudent. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue recognition

Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASC Topic 606"), establishes principles for reporting information about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from the entity's contracts to provide goods or services to customers. The core principle requires an entity to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services promised to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration that it expects to be entitled to receive in exchange for those goods or services recognized as performance obligations are satisfied. A significant portion of the Company's revenue-generating transactions are not subject to ASC Topic 606, including revenue generated from financial instruments, such as loans and investment securities, as these activities are subject to other U.S. GAAP guidance discussed elsewhere within these disclosures. Descriptions of the Company's revenue-generating activities that are within the scope of ASC Topic 606, which are presented in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) as components of non-interest income are as follows:

- Commissions on brokerage services;
- Commissions on banking services (money transfers, foreign exchange operations and other); and
- Commissions on investment banking services (underwriting, market making, and bondholders' representation services).

The Company adopted the guidance on April 1, 2018. Under Topic 606, the Company is required to recognize incentive fees when they are probable and there is not a significant chance of reversal in the future. For the brokerage commission, banking service commission and investment banking services commission contracts in place at the time of adoption, this change in policy did not result in any actual change in revenue that had already been recognized and therefore there was no transition adjustment necessary.

The Company recognizes revenue when five basic criteria have been met:

- The parties to the contract have approved the contract (in writing, orally, or in accordance with other customary business practices) and are committed to perform their respective obligations;
- The entity can identify each party's rights regarding the goods or services to be transferred;
- The entity can identify the payment terms for the goods or services to be transferred;
- The contract has commercial substance (that is, the risk, timing, or amount of the entity's future cash flows is expected to change as a result of the contract); and
- It is probable that the entity will collect substantially all of the consideration to which it will be entitled in exchange for the goods or services that will be transferred to the customer.

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Derivative financial instruments

In the normal course of business, the Company invests in various derivative financial contracts including futures. Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured to their fair value at each reporting date. The fair values are estimated based on quoted market prices or pricing models that take into account the current market and contractual prices of the underlying instruments and other factors. Derivatives are carried as assets when their fair value is positive and as liabilities when it is negative.

Functional currency

Management has adopted ASC 830, Foreign Currency Translation Matters as it pertains to its foreign currency translation. The Company's functional currencies are the Russian ruble, European euro, Ukrainian hryvnia, Uzbekistani som and Kazakhstani tenge, and its reporting currency is the United States dollar. For financial reporting purposes, foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars as the reporting currency. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into United States dollars using the exchange rate prevailing at the balance sheet date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at rates of exchange in effect at the date of the transaction. Average monthly rates are used to translate revenues and expenses. Translation adjustments arising from the use of different exchange rates from period to period are included as a component of stockholders' equity as "Accumulated other comprehensive loss".

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are generally comprised of certain highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase. Cash and cash equivalents include reverse repurchase agreements which are recorded at the amounts at which the securities were acquired or sold plus accrued interest.

Securities reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements

A reverse repurchase agreement is a transaction in which the Company purchases financial instruments from a seller, typically in exchange for cash, and simultaneously enters into an agreement to resell the same or substantially the same financial instruments to the seller for an amount equal to the cash or other consideration exchanged plus interest at a future date. Securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements are accounted for as collateralized financing transactions and are recorded at the contractual amount for which the securities will be resold, including accrued interest. Financial instruments purchased under reverse repurchase agreements are recorded in the financial statements as cash placed on deposit collateralized by securities and classified as cash and cash equivalents in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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A repurchase agreement is a transaction in which the Company sells financial instruments to another party, typically in exchange for cash, and simultaneously enters into an agreement to reacquire the same or substantially the same financial instruments from the buyer for an amount equal to the cash or other consideration exchanged plus interest at a future date. These agreements are accounted for as collateralized financing transactions. The Company retains the financial instruments sold under repurchase agreements and classifies them as trading securities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The consideration received under repurchase agreements is classified as securities repurchase agreement obligations in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company enters into reverse repurchase, repurchase, securities borrowed and securities loaned transactions to, among other things, acquire securities to leverage and grow its proprietary trading portfolio, cover short positions and settle other securities obligations, to accommodate customers' needs and to finance its inventory positions. The Company enters into these transactions in accordance with normal market practice. Under standard terms for repurchase transactions, the recipient of collateral has the right to sell or repledge the collateral, subject to returning equivalent securities on settlement of the transaction.

Available-for-sale securities

Financial assets categorized as available-for-sale ("AFS") are non-derivatives that are either designated as available-for-sale or not classified as (a) loans and receivables, (b) held to maturity investments or (c) trading securities.

Listed shares and listed redeemable notes held by the Company that are traded in an active market are classified as AFS and are stated at fair value. The Company has investments in unlisted shares that are not traded in an active market but that are also classified as investments AFS and stated at fair value (because Company management considers that fair value can be reliably measured). Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognized in other comprehensive income/(loss) and are accumulated in accumulated other comprehensive loss, with the exception of other-than-temporary impairment losses, interest calculated using the effective interest method, dividend income and foreign exchange gains and losses, which are recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of other Comprehensive Income/(Loss). Where the investment is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments' revaluation reserve is then reclassified to Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss).

Trading securities

Financial assets are classified as trading securities if the financial asset has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term.

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Trading securities are stated at fair value, with any gains or losses arising on remeasurement recognized in revenue. Changes in fair value are recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) and included in net gain/(loss) on trading securities. Interest earned and dividend income are recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) and are included in interest income, according to the terms of the contract and when the right to receive the payment has been established.

Investments in nonconsolidated managed funds are accounted for at fair value based on the net asset value ("NAV") of the funds provided by the fund managers with gains or losses included in net gain on trading securities in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss).

Debt securities issued

Debt securities issued are initially recognized at the fair value of the consideration received, less directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequently, amounts due are stated at amortized cost and any difference between net proceeds and the redemption value is recognized over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. If the Company purchases its own debt, it is removed from the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and the difference between the carrying amount of the liability and the consideration paid is recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss).

Brokerage and other receivables

Brokerage and other receivables are comprised of commissions and receivables related to the securities brokerage and banking activity of the Company. At initial recognition, brokerage and other receivables are recognized at fair value. Subsequently, brokerage and other receivables are carried at cost net of any allowance for impairment losses.

Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or a part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognized where all of the following conditions are met:

- The transferred financial asset has been isolated from the Company put presumptively beyond the reach of the Company and its creditors, even in bankruptcy or other receivership.
- The transferee has rights to pledge or exchange the financial asset.
- The Company or its agents do not maintain effective control over the transferred financial asset or third-party beneficial interests related to the transferred asset.

Where the Company has not met the asset derecognition conditions above, it continues to recognize the asset to the extent of its continuing involvement.

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Impairment of long-lived assets

In accordance with the accounting guidance for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets, the Company periodically evaluates the carrying value of long-lived assets to be held and used when events and circumstances warrant such a review. The carrying value of a long-lived asset is considered impaired when the fair value from such asset is less than its carrying value. In that event, a loss is recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the long-lived asset. Fair value is determined primarily using the anticipated cash flows, discounted at a rate commensurate with the risk involved. Losses on long-lived assets to be disposed of are determined in a similar manner, except that fair values are reduced for the cost of disposal. As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company had not recorded any charges for impairment of long-lived assets.

Impairment of goodwill

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, goodwill recorded in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets totaled \$2,969 and \$2,936, respectively. The Company performs an impairment review at least annually unless indicators of impairment exist in interim periods. The impairment test for goodwill uses a two-step approach. Step one compares the estimated fair value of a reporting unit with goodwill to its carrying value. If the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value, step two must be performed. Step two compares the carrying value of the reporting unit to the fair value of all of the assets and liabilities of the reporting unit as if the reporting unit was acquired in a business combination. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of its goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to the excess. In its annual goodwill impairment test, the Company estimated the fair value of the reporting unit based on the income approach (also known as the discounted cash flow method) and determined the fair value of the Company's reporting unit exceeded the carrying amount of the Company's goodwill.

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill as of March 31, 2019 and for the nine months ended December 31, 2019 were as follows:

Balance as of March 31, 2019	<u>\$ 2,936</u>
Foreign currency translation	33
Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 2,969

Income taxes

The Company recognizes deferred tax liabilities and assets based on the difference between the financial statements and tax basis of assets and liabilities using the enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The measurement of deferred tax assets is reduced, if necessary, by the amount of any tax benefits that, based on available evidence, are not expected to be realized.

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Current income tax expenses are provided for in accordance with the laws of the relevant taxing authorities. As part of the process of preparing financial statements, the Company is required to estimate its income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which it operates. The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability approach. Under this method, deferred income taxes are recognized for tax consequences in future years based on differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements at each year-end and tax loss carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates applicable for the differences that are expected to affect taxable income.

The Company will include interest and fines arising from the underpayment of income taxes in the provision for income taxes (if any anticipated). As of December 31, 2019, and March 31, 2019, the Company had no accrued interest or fines related to uncertain tax positions.

The Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income ("GILTI") provisions of the Tax Reform Act require the Company to include in its U.S. income tax return foreign subsidiary earnings in excess of an allowable return on the foreign subsidiary's tangible assets. The Company has presented the deferred tax impacts of GILTI tax in its condensed consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are carried at fair value as described below.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability, or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Fair value is the current bid price for financial assets, current ask price for financial liabilities and the average of current bid and ask prices when the Company is both in short and long positions for the financial instrument. A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange or other institution and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

Leases

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), which establishes a right-of-use model that requires a lessee to record a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases have been classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss). The new standard also requires disclosures that provide additional information on recorded lease arrangements. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-11, Leases —Targeted Improvements, which provides an optional transition method that allows entities to initially apply the new lease standard at the adoption date and recognize a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption.

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The Company adopted the provisions of ASU 2018-11, including the optional transition method, on April 1, 2019. Operating lease assets and corresponding lease liabilities were recognized on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets. Refer to Note 18 - Leases, within the notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for additional disclosure and significant accounting policies affecting leases.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Maintenance, repairs, and minor renewals are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range between three and seven years.

Segment information

The Company operates in a single operating segment offering financial services to its customers in a single geographic region covering Central Asia and Eastern Europe. The Company's financial services business provides retail securities brokerage, research, investment counseling, securities trading, market making, corporate investment banking and underwriting services to its customers. The Company generates revenue from customers primarily from fee and commission income and interest income. The Company does not use profitability reports or other information disaggregated on a regional, country or divisional basis for making business decisions.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-13, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), Disclosure Framework—Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement. In March 2014, the Board issued a proposed FASB Concepts Statement, Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting—Chapter 8: Notes to Financial Statements, which the Board finalized on August 28, 2018. The disclosure framework project's objective and primary focus are to improve the effectiveness of disclosures in the notes to financial statements by facilitating clear communication of the information required by GAAP. The amendments in this Update modify the disclosure requirements on fair value measurements in Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement, based on the concepts in the Concepts Statement, including the consideration of costs and benefits. The amendments in this Update apply to all entities that are required, under existing GAAP, to make disclosures about recurring or nonrecurring fair value measurements. The amendments in this Update are effective for all entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the new guidance on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

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In November 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-19, Codification Improvements to Topic 326, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses. On June 16, 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-13, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments, which introduced an expected credit loss methodology for the impairment of financial assets measured at amortized cost basis. That methodology replaces the probable, incurred loss model for those assets. Through that Update, the Board added Topic 326 and made several consequential amendments to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. The amendment clarifies that receivables arising from operating leases are not within the scope of Subtopic 326-20. Instead, impairment of receivables arising from operating leases should be accounted for in accordance with Topic 842, Leases. For public business entities that are U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filers, the amendments in this Update are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The effective date and transition requirements for the amendments in this Update are the same as the effective dates and transition requirements in Update 2016-13, as amended by this Update. The Company does not expect a material impact from the new guidance on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

In April 2019, FASB also issued ASU No. 2019-04, Codification Improvements to Topic 326, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses, Topic 815, Derivatives and Hedging, and Topic 825, Financial Instruments and in May 2019, FASB issued ASU No. 2019-05, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326). The ASU 2019-04 amendments affect a variety of Topics in the Codification and is part of the Board's ongoing project on Codification improvement. The FASB received several agenda request letters asking that the Board consider amending the transition guidance for Update 2016-13. ASU 2019-05 addresses stakeholders' concerns by providing an option to irrevocably elect the fair value option for certain financial assets previously measured at amortized cost basis. For those entities, the targeted transition relief will increase comparability of financial statement information by providing an option to align measurement methodologies for similar financial assets. Furthermore, the targeted transition relief also may reduce the costs for some entities to comply with the amendments in Update 2016-13 while still providing financial statement users with decision-useful information. For entities that have not yet adopted the amendments in Update 2016-13, the effective dates and transition requirements for the amendments related to ASU 2019-04 are the same as the effective dates and transition requirements in Update 2016-13. ASU 2019-05 is effective for entities that have adopted the amendments in Update 2016-13 for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted in any interim period after the issuance of this Update as long as an entity has adopted the amendments in Update 2016-13. The Company is currently evaluating the impact from new guidance on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

In July 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-07, Codification Updates to SEC Sections. This ASU amends various SEC paragraphs pursuant to the issuance of SEC Final Rule Releases No. 33-10532, Disclosure Update and Simplification, and Nos. 33-10231 and 33-10442, Investment Company Reporting Modernization. One of the changes in the ASU requires a presentation of changes in stockholders' equity in the form of a reconciliation, either as a separate financial statement or in the notes to the financial statements, for the current and comparative year-to-date interim periods. The Company presented changes in stockholders' equity as separate financial statements for the current and comparative year-to-date interim periods beginning on April 1, 2019. The additional elements of the ASU did not have a material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. This guidance was effective immediately upon issuance.

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In November 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10 Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326), Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815), and Leases (Topic 842). On the basis of feedback obtained from outreach with stakeholders and monitoring of implementation, the Board has gained a greater understanding about the implementation challenges encountered by all types of entities when adopting a major Update. The Board developed a philosophy to extend and simplify how effective dates are staggered between larger public companies (bucket one) and all other entities (bucket two). Those other entities include private companies, smaller public companies, not-for-profit organizations, and employee benefit plans. Under this philosophy, a major Update would first be effective for bucket-one entities, that is, public business entities that are Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filers, excluding entities eligible to be smaller reporting companies (SRCs) under the SEC's definition. The Master Glossary of the Codification defines public business entities and SEC filers. All other entities, including SRCs, other public business entities, and nonpublic business entities (private companies, not-for-profit organizations, and employee benefit plans) would compose bucket two. For those entities, it is anticipated that the Board will consider requiring an effective date staggered at least two years after bucket one for major Updates. The Company is currently an SRC and according to the ASU 2019-10, for bucket two, ASU 2016-13, ASU 2017-12 and ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) was adopted by the Company beginning April 1, 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that ASU 2019-10 will have on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In November 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-11, Codification Improvements to Topic 326, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses. On June 16, 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-13, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments, which introduced an expected credit loss model for the impairment of financial assets measured at amortized cost basis. That model replaces the probable, incurred loss model for those assets. Through the amendments in that Update, the Board added Topic 326, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses, and made several consequential amendments to the Codification. The amendments apply to all reporting entities within the scope of the affected accounting guidance. ASU 2019-11 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that this guidance will have on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU No. 2019-12, Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes ("ASU 2019-12"), which simplifies the accounting for income taxes, eliminates certain exceptions within ASC 740, Income Taxes, and clarifies certain aspects of the current guidance to promote consistency among reporting entities. ASU 2019-12 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. Most amendments within the standard are required to be applied on a prospective basis, while certain amendments must be applied on a retrospective or modified retrospective basis. We are currently evaluating the impacts of the provisions of ASU 2019-12 on our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	December 31, 2019		,	
Securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements	\$	21,578	\$	7,887
Accounts with stock exchanges		21,062		10,507
Current accounts with commercial banks		17,689		6,656
Current accounts in clearing organizations		14,088		5,887
Petty cash in bank vault and on hand		6,802		2,674
Current account with Central Bank (Russia)		5,948		2,161
Current account with Central Depository (Kazakhstan)		2,834		2,693
Current accounts with brokers		1,862		10,220
Current account with National Settlement Depository (Russia)		1,790		1,275
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$	93,653	\$	49,960

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, cash and cash equivalents were not insured.

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the cash and cash equivalents balance included collateralized securities received under reverse repurchase agreements on the terms presented below:

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			December	r 31, 201	9				
	Interest rates and remaining contractual maturity of the agreements								
	Average Interest rate		Up to 30 days		30-90 days		Total		
Securities purchased under reverse			_		_		_		
repurchase agreements	12.050/	Φ	20.006	¢.		¢.	20.006		
Corporate equity	12.95%	Э	20,006	\$	-	\$	20,006		
Non-US sovereign debt	9.96%		1,336		-		1,336		
Corporate debt	10.50%		236				236		
Total		\$	21,578	\$		\$	21,578		
			March (31, 2019					
	Interest rates and	l rem		·		f the a	greements		
	Interest rates and Average Interest rate			actual r			greements Total		
Securities purchased under reverse	Average		aining contr	actual r	naturity of				
Securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements	Average		aining contr	actual r	naturity of				
•	Average	Up	aining contr	actual r	naturity of				
repurchase agreements	Average Interest rate	Up	aining conti	actual n	naturity of 0 days	_	Total		
repurchase agreements Corporate equity	Average Interest rate 11.90%	Up	aining control to 30 days 4,328	actual n	naturity of 0 days	_	Total 5,132		

The securities received by the Company as collateral under reverse repurchase agreements are liquid trading securities with market quotes and significant trading volume. The fair value of collateral received by the Company under reverse repurchase agreements as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, was \$23,600 and \$8,472, respectively.

NOTE 4 – RESTRICTED CASH

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company's restricted cash consisted of the cash portion of the funds allocated for deferred distribution payments, cash segregated in a special custody account for the exclusive benefit of our brokerage customers and required reserves with the Central Bank of the Russian Federation which represents cash on hand balance requirements. In June 2019 the Company invested a portion of the deferred distribution payments into certain financial instruments. For additional information regarding that portion of the funds held for deferred distribution payments that have been invested into certain financial instruments, see Note 5 - Trading and Available-For-Sale Securities at Fair Value.

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Restricted cash consisted of:

	Dec	ember 31, 2019	M	larch 31, 2019
Brokerage customers' cash	\$	43,495	\$	28,931
Guaranty deposits		4,642		732
Deferred distribution payments		1,053		8,534
Reserve with Central Bank of Russia		536		263
Total restricted cash	\$	49,726	\$	38,460

NOTE 5 – TRADING AND AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE SECURITIES AT FAIR VALUE

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, trading and available-for-sale securities consisted of:

	December 31, 2019			March 31, 2019		
Debt securities	\$	85,233	\$	62,691		
Equity securities		78,912		105,017		
Mutual investment funds		-		241		
Total trading securities	\$	164,145	\$	167,949		
Certificates of deposit	\$	6,018	\$	-		
Mutual investment funds		696		-		
Debt securities		455		-		
Preferred shares		312		-		
Equity securities		2		2		
Total available-for-sale securities, at fair value	\$	7,483	\$	2		

The Company recognized no other-than-temporary impairment in accumulated other comprehensive income.

The fair value of assets and liabilities is determined using observable market data based on recent trading activity. Where observable market data is unavailable due to a lack of trading activity, the Company utilizes internally developed models to estimate fair value and independent third parties to validate assumptions, when appropriate. Estimating fair value requires significant management judgment, including benchmarking to similar instruments with observable market data and applying appropriate discounts that reflect differences between the securities that the Company is valuing and the selected benchmark. Depending on the type of securities owned by the Company, other valuation methodologies may be required.

Measurement of fair value is classified within a hierarchy based upon the transparency of inputs used in the valuation of an asset or liability. Classification within the hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The valuation hierarchy contains three levels:

- Level 1 Valuation inputs are unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 Valuation inputs are quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, quoted
 market prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and other observable inputs directly or indirectly related to
 the asset or liability being measured.
- Level 3 Valuation inputs are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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The following tables present trading and available-for-sale securities assets in the condensed consolidated financial statements at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019:

			nts at sing	
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
	December 31, 2019	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Debt securities Equity securities Total trading securities	\$ 85,233 78,912 \$ 164,145	\$ 85,233 68,446 \$ 153,679	\$ - - \$ -	\$ 10,466 \$ 10,466
Certificates of deposit Mutual investment funds	\$ 6,018 696	\$ - 696	\$ 6,018	\$ -
Debt securities Preferred shares Equity securities	455 312 2	- - -	455 312	- - 2
Total available-for-sale securities, at fair value	\$ 7,483	\$ 696 Fair	\$ 6,785 Value Measureme	\$ 2
			Tarch 31, 2019 usi	
	March 31,	in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
	2019	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Equity securities Debt securities Mutual investment funds	\$ 105,017 62,691 241	\$ 105,017 62,187 241	\$ - -	\$ - 504
Total trading securities	\$ 167,949	\$ 167,445	\$ -	\$ 504
Equity securities Total available-for-sale securities, at fair value	\$ 2 \$ 2	\$ - \$ -	\$ - \$ -	\$ 2 \$ 2

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The table below presents the Valuation Techniques and Significant Level 3 Inputs used in the valuation as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019. The table is not intended to be all inclusive, but instead captures the significant unobservable inputs relevant to determination of fair value.

Туре	Valuation Technique	FV as of December 31, 2019	FV as March 2019	31,	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Input
Corporate bonds	DCF	\$ -	\$	504	Discount rate	11.3%
Equity security	DCF	10,466		-	Discount rate Estimated number of years	9.8% 9 years

The following table provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for investments that use Level 3 inputs for the nine months ended December 31, 2019:

	securities			sale securities		
Balance as of March 31, 2019	\$	504	\$	2		
Sale of investments that use Level 3 inputs		(497)		_		
Purchase of investments that use Level 3 inputs		10,430		-		
Foreign currency translation		29		<u> </u>		
Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$	10,466	\$	2		

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	Assets measured a amortized cost		ga accum in o	19 alized in ulated ther chensive	meas	ssets ured at value
Certificates of deposit	\$	6,005	\$	13	\$	6,018
Mutual investment funds		691		5		696
Debt securities		455		-		455
Preferred shares		304		8		312
Equity securities		2		-		2
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value	\$	7,457	\$	26	\$	7,483
	mea: am	assets sured at ortized cost	Marc 20 Unres ga accum in o compre income	19 alized in ulated ther chensive	meas	ssets ured at value
Equity securities	\$	1	\$	1	\$	2
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value	\$	1	\$	1	\$	2

Of the available-for-sale securities, at fair value, the total amount less the amount of Equity securities, together with the amount identified as "deferred distribution payments" in Note 4 – Restricted Cash is held as a reserve for distribution to shareholders who have not yet claimed their distributions from the 2011 sale of the Company's oil and gas exploration and production operations. These funds are currently payable, subject to the entitled shareholders completing and submitting to the Company the necessary documentation to claim his, her or its distribution payments. The Company has no control over when, or if, any entitled shareholder will submit the necessary documentation to claim his, her, or its distribution payment.

NOTE 6 - BROKERAGE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, NET

	December 31, 2019			March 31, 2019		
Margin lending receivables	\$	155,058	\$	46,716		
Receivables from brokerage clients		1,175		824		
Receivables from sale of securities		1,037		27,684		
Bank commissions receivable		74		-		
Receivable for underwriting and market-making services		65		-		
Dividends accrued		1		108		
Other receivables		47		130		
Allowance for receivables		(240)		(1,626)		
Total brokerage and other receivables, net	\$	157,217	\$	73,836		

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On December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, amounts due from a single related party customer were \$135,414 and \$31,792, respectively or 86% and 43%, respectively of total brokerage and other receivables, net. Based on experience, the Company considers receivables due from related parties as fully collectible. As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, using historical and statistical data, the Company recorded an allowance for brokerage receivables in the amount of \$240 and \$1,626, respectively.

NOTE 7 - LOANS ISSUED

Loans issued as of December 31, 2019, consisted of the following:

	 Amount tstanding	Due Dates	Average Interest Rate	Fair Valu Collate		Loan Currency
Subordinated loan	\$ 5,023	Dec. 2022 - Apr. 2024	4.89%	\$		USD
Uncollateralized non-bank						
loan	3,101	Sep. 2020	2.00%		-	USD
Subordinated loan	1,568	Sep. 2029	12.00%		-	UAH
Bank customer loans	578	Jul. 2020 - May 2044	13.10%		324	RUB
Uncollateralized non-bank						
loan	505	Nov. 2020	6.50%		-	RUB
	\$ 10,775			\$	324	

Loans issued as of March 31, 2019, consisted of the following:

	mount standing	Due Dates	Average Interest Rate	alue of ateral	Loan Currency
Collateralized brokerage					
loans	\$ 1,888	Dec. 2019	4.75%	\$ 4,718	USD
Bank customer loans	637	May 2019 - Jan. 2039	13.34%	-	RUB
	\$ 2,525			\$ 4,718	

NOTE 8 – DEFERRED TAX ASSETS

The Company is subject to taxation in the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Cyprus, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Germany and the United States of America.

The tax rates used for deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019 is 21% for the U.S., 20% for the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan, 31% for Germany, 12.5% for Cyprus, 18% for Ukraine, 12% for Uzbekistan and 10% for Kyrgyzstan.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities of the Company are comprised of the following:

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	December 31, 2019		March 31, 2019		
Deferred tax assets: Tax losses carryforward Revaluation on trading securities Accrued liabilities Valuation allowance Deferred tax assets	\$	2,246 75 (1,538) 783	\$	2,376 2,095 35 (3,241) 1,265	
Deferred tax liabilities: Revaluation on trading securities Deferred tax liabilities	<u>\$</u> \$	502 502	<u>\$</u> \$	<u>-</u> -	
Net deferred tax assets	\$	281	\$	1,265	

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company's effective tax rate was equal to 17.03% and 19.09%, respectively.

NOTE 9 - SECURITIES SOLD, NOT YET PURCHASED - AT FAIR VALUE

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company's securities sold, not yet purchased – at fair value was \$4,385 and \$0, respectively.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, the Company sold shares received as a pledge under reverse repurchase agreements and recognized relevant financial liabilities at fair value in the amount of \$3,073 and closed short positions in the amount of \$3,052 by purchasing securities from third parties, reducing its financial liability. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, the Company recognized a gain on the change in fair value of financial liabilities at fair value in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) in the amount of \$21 with no foreign exchange translation gain/(loss).

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, the Company sold shares that are not owned by the Company and recognized relevant financial liabilities at fair value in the amount of \$3,550. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, the Company recognized a loss on the change in fair value of financial liabilities at fair value in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) in the amount of \$835 with no foreign exchange translation gain/(loss).

A short sale involves the sale of a security that is not owned by the seller in the expectation of the seller purchasing the same security (or a security exchangeable) at a later date at a lower price. A short sale involves the risk of a theoretically unlimited increase in the market price of the security that would result in a theoretically unlimited loss.

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NOTE 10 – LOANS RECEIVED

Loans received as of December 31, 2019, consisted of the following:

Borrower	Lender	Dece 31, 2	ember 019	March 31, 2019	Interest rate	Term	Maturity date
Freedom Holding				•			April, 2019 -
Corp.	Non-Bank	\$	-	\$ 3,917	3%	1-2 years	December, 2019
Freedom Finance							
Cyprus Limited	Non-Bank		-	91	1%	2 years	November, 2019
Total		\$		\$ 4,008			

Non-bank loans received are unsecured. As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, accrued interest on the loans totaled \$0 and \$52, respectively.

NOTE 11 – DEBT SECURITIES ISSUED

	December 31, 2019				
Debt securities issued denominated in USD	\$	30,630	\$	20,265	
Debt securities issued denominated in RUB		8,077		7,724	
Accrued interest		443		549	
Total	\$	39,150	\$	28,538	

As of December 31, 2019, and March 31, 2019, the Company had debt securities issued in the amount of \$39,150 and \$28,538 respectively. As of December 31, 2019, the Company's outstanding debt securities had fixed annual coupon rates ranging from 7% to 12% and maturity dates ranging from June 2020 to December 2022. The Company's debt securities include bonds of Freedom KZ and RU issued under Kazakhstani and Russian Federation law, which trade on the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange and the Moscow Exchange, respectively. The Company's debt securities also include \$14,500 in the aggregate amount of notes of FRHC issued in December 2019. The FRHC issued notes, denominated in USD, have minimum denominations of \$100,000, bear interest at an annual rate of 7% and are due in 2022. The FRHC notes were sold only in Kazakhstan to non-U.S. persons in compliance with Astana International Financial Centre law and trade on the Astana International Exchange.

Debt securities issued are initially recognized at the fair value of the consideration received, less directly attributable transaction costs. Debt securities issued as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019 included \$443 and \$549 of accrued interest, respectively.

NOTE 12 – CUSTOMER LIABILITIES

The Company recognizes customer liabilities associated with funds held by our brokerage and bank customers. Customer liabilities consist of:

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	De	cember 31, 2019	N	March 31, 2019
Brokerage customers	\$	126,974	\$	47,686
Banking customers		65,780		34,346
Total	\$	192,754	\$	82,032

As of December 31, 2019, banking customer liabilities consisted of current accounts and deposits of \$42,297 and \$23,483, respectively. As of March 31, 2019, banking customer liabilities consisted of current accounts and deposits of \$12,383 and \$21,963, respectively.

NOTE 13 – TRADE PAYABLES

	Dec	2019	M	Iarch 31, 2019
Margin lending payable	\$	41,823	\$	29,081
Trade payable for securities purchased		13,499		2,939
Payables to suppliers of goods and services		343		555
Coupons payable		283		-
Other payables		182		120
Total	\$	56,130	\$	32,695

On December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, trade payables due to a single related party were \$3,850 or 7% and \$938 or 3%, respectively.

NOTE 14 – SECURITIES REPURCHASE AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, trading securities included collateralized securities subject to repurchase agreements as described in the following table:

	December 31, 2019					
	Interest rates a	Interest rates and remaining contractual maturity of the agreements				
	Average interest rate	Up to 30 days	30-90 days	Over 90 days	Total	
Securities sold under						
repurchase agreements						
Corporate equity	12.30% \$	25,271	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,271	
Corporate debt	10.34%	18,298	-	-	18,298	
Non-U.S. sovereign debt	9.69%	14,306	-	-	14,306	
Total securities sold under	_					
repurchase agreements	<u>\$</u>	57,875	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	\$ 57,875	

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March 31, 2019 Interest rate and remaining contractual maturity of the agreements Average interest Up to 30 Over 90 30-90 days Total rate days days Securities sold under repurchase agreements 12.06% \$ \$ Corporate equity 49,048 \$ 2,146 51,194 Corporate debt 10.38% 13,548 13,548 Non-U.S. sovereign debt 8.62% 8,879 8,879 Total securities sold under repurchase agreements 71,475 2,146 73,621

The fair value of collateral pledged under repurchase agreements as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, was \$72,861 and \$105,842, respectively.

Securities pledged as collateral by the Company under repurchase agreements are liquid trading securities with market quotes and significant trading volume.

NOTE 15 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the three months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company earned commission income from related parties in the amount of \$17,067 and \$11,101 respectively. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company earned commission income from related parties in the amount of \$60,241 and \$26,723, respectively. Commission income earned from related parties is comprised primarily of brokerage commissions, margin fees, and commissions for money transfers by brokerage clients.

During the three months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company paid commission expense to related parties in the amount of \$536 and \$0, respectively. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company paid commission expense to related parties in the amount of \$2,931 and \$0, respectively.

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company had cash and cash equivalents held in brokerage accounts of related parties totaling \$196 and \$8,444, respectively.

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company had loans issued to related parties totaling \$0 and \$1,888, respectively.

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company had margin lending receivables with related parties totaling \$152,795 and \$43,720, respectively.

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company had margin lending payables to related parties, totaling \$3,850 and \$1,090, respectively.

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company had loans received from a related party totaling \$0 and \$3,957, respectively.

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company had accounts payable due to a related party totaling \$307 and \$345, respectively.

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As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company had consideration due to a related party for the Nettrader acquisition totaling \$2,787 and \$2,590, respectively.

As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company had customer liabilities on brokerage accounts and bank accounts of related parties totaling \$28,729 and \$29,904, respectively and held restricted customer cash on brokerage accounts of related parties totaling \$10,823 and \$13,999, respectively.

In August 2019, to comply with certain foreign ownership restrictions relating to registered Ukrainian broker-dealers, the Company sold 67.12% of the outstanding equity interest of Freedom UA to Askar Tashtitov, the Company's president, for \$100. The Company retained the remaining 32.88% of the outstanding equity interests in Freedom UA. In connection with this transaction, the Company also entered into a series of contractual arrangements with Freedom UA and Mr. Tashtitov, including a consulting services agreement, an operating agreement and an option agreement. For additional information regarding this transaction, see Note 1 – Description of Business.

NOTE 16 – STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, nonqualified stock options to purchase 230,000 shares were exercised at a strike price of \$1.98 per share for total proceeds of \$455. No stock options were exercised during the nine months ended December 31, 2018.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, shareholders made capital contributions of \$0 and \$245 to FRHC, respectively.

On October 6, 2017, the Company awarded restricted stock grants totalling 3,900,000 shares of its common stock to 16 employees and awarded nonqualified stock options to purchase an aggregate of 360,000 shares of its common stock to two employees. Of the 3,900,000 shares awarded pursuant to the restricted stock grant awards, 1,200,000 shares are subject to two-year vesting conditions and 2,700,000 shares are subject to three-year vesting conditions. All of the nonqualified stock options are subject to three-year vesting conditions. The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense for restricted stock grants and stock options in the amount of \$546 and \$2,100 during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2019. The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense for restricted stock grants and stock options in the amount of \$847 and \$2,533 during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2018 respectively.

NOTE 17 – STOCK BASED COMPENSATION

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, no stock options were granted. Total compensation expense related to options granted was \$54 for the three months ended December 31, 2019, and \$54 for the three months ended December 31, 2018. Total compensation expense related to options granted was \$162 for the nine months ended December 31, 2019, and \$162 for the nine months ended December 31, 2018. As of December 31, 2019, there was total remaining compensation expense of \$165 related to stock options, which will be recorded over a weighted average period of approximately 0.77 years. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, options to purchase a total of 230,000 shares were exercised.

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As disclosed in Note 16, on October 6, 2017, the Company issued restricted stock awards totaling 3,900,000 shares of its common stock to 16 employees and awarded nonqualified stock options to purchase an aggregate of 360,000 shares of its common stock at a strike price of \$1.98 per share to two employees. Shares of restricted stock have the same dividend and voting rights as common stock while options do not. All awards were issued at the fair value of the underlying shares at the grant date.

The Company has determined the fair value of such stock options using the Black-Scholes option valuation model based on the following key assumptions:

Vesting period (years)

Volatility

Risk-free rate

3

165.33%

1.66%

Stock-based compensation expense for the cost of the awards granted is based on the grant-date fair value. For stock option awards, the fair value is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, changes to which can materially affect the fair value estimate. Additionally, there may be other factors that would otherwise have a significant effect on the value of employee stock options granted but are not considered by the model. Accordingly, while management believes that the Black-Scholes option-pricing model provides a reasonable estimate of fair value, the model does not necessarily provide the best single measure of fair value for the Company's employee stock options.

Weighted

The following is a summary of stock option activity for the nine months ended December 31, 2019:

	Shares	Av	ighted erage ise Price	Average Remaining Contractual Term (In Years)	Ir	gregate itrinsic Value
Outstanding, March 31, 2019	350,000	\$	1.98	8.52	\$	2,342
Granted	-		-	-		-
Exercised	(230,000)		1.98	-		2,630
Forfeited/cancelled/expired	-		-	-		-
Outstanding, at December 31, 2019	120,000	\$	1.98	7.77	\$	1,507
Exercisable, at December 31, 2019		\$	_	-	\$	_

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During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2019, no restricted shares were awarded. The compensation expense related to restricted stock grants was \$492 during the three months ended December 31, 2019, and \$793 during the three months ended December 31, 2018. The compensation expense related to restricted stock grants was \$1,938 during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, and \$2,731 during the nine months ended December 31, 2018. As of December 31, 2019, there was \$1,448 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested shares of restricted stock granted. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 0.77 years.

The table below summarizes the activity for the Company's restricted stock outstanding during the nine months ended December 31, 2019:

	Shares	Average Fair Value
Outstanding, March 31, 2019	2,275,000	\$ 4,777
Granted	-	-
Vested	-	-
Forfeited/cancelled/expired	-	-
Outstanding, at December 31, 2019	2,275,000	\$ 4,777

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, the Company recorded expenses for share based payments for consulting services in the amount of \$836.

NOTE 18 – LEASES

The Company determines whether a contract is or contains a lease at inception of the contract and whether that lease meets the classification criteria of a finance or operating lease. When available, the Company uses the rate implicit in the lease to discount lease payments to present value; however, most of the Company's leases do not provide a readily determinable implicit rate. Therefore, the Company must discount lease payments based on an estimate of its incremental borrowing rate.

The Company leases its corporate office space and certain facilities under long-term operating leases expiring through fiscal year 2024. Effective April 1, 2019, the Company adopted the provision of ASC 842 Leases.

The table below presents the lease related assets and liabilities recorded on the Company's consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2019:

Weighted

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	Classification on Balance Sheet	December 31, 2019
Assets Operating lease assets	Right-of-use assets	\$ 15,748
Total lease assets		\$ 15,748
Liabilities		
Operating lease liability	Operating lease obligations	\$ 17,270
Total lease liability		<u>\$ 17,270</u>
Lease obligations at March 31, 2019, consisted of	the following:	
Twelve months ending March 31,		
2020 – remainder		\$ 1,554
2021		6,828
2022		6,317
2023 2024		4,645 1,102
2024		238
Total payments		20,684
Less: amounts representing interest		(3,414)
Lease obligation, net		\$ 17,270
Weighted average remaining lease term (in months	3)	31
Weighted average discount rate	7	12%

Lease commitments for short-term operating lease as of December 31, 2019 are approximately \$413. The Company's rent expense for office space was \$688 and \$977 for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2019 and \$1,474 and \$3,692 for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2018, respectively.

NOTE 19 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through the time of filing this quarterly report on Form 10-Q with the SEC. During this period the Company did not have any additional material recognizable subsequent events.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion is intended to assist you in understanding our results of operations and our present financial condition. Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contain additional information that should be referred to when reviewing this material and this document should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the related notes contained elsewhere in this report and in our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") including our annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on June 14, 2019.

Special Note About Forward-Looking Information

Certain information included herein and the documents incorporated by reference in this document, if any, contain statements that may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and are based on management's current expectations, that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause our results to differ materially from our current expectations. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "project," "potential," and similar expressions, including the negatives of these terms. Our actual results could differ materially from the results contemplated by these forward-looking statements and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties, estimates and assumptions that may cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to: (i) the ability of our current management to effectively execute our business strategy; (ii) our capability to compete with financial services companies that have greater experience, financial resources and competitive advantages in the markets where we operate; (iii) our CEO and Chairman owns the controlling interest in our common stock and therefore has the ability to direct our business with his reasonable business judgment without approval of other shareholders; (iv) our capacity to comply with the extensive, pervasive and ever evolving legal, regulatory and oversight requirements in a number of jurisdictions, the failure of which could subject us to penalties, regulatory action, and could even prevent us from conducting business in such jurisdictions; (v) volatility in the capital markets, currency fluctuations and general economic conditions; (vi) our ability to attract and retain key management and other properly licensed and experienced personnel to satisfy applicable regulatory standards and operate our business profitably; (vii) our ability to properly manage the market, leverage and customer risks that arise from our proprietary trading; and (viii) such other risks as set forth elsewhere in this report, as well as in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019. We assume no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements for any reason, except as required by law.

Available Information

You may review a copy of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q on the Commission's website, www.sec.gov, that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants, such as Freedom Holding Corp, that file electronically with the Commission. Copies of our periodic reports, proxy and information statements also are available from our investor relations website, https://ir.freedomholdingcorp.com. We intend to use our investor relations website, https://irfreedomholdingcorp.com, as a means for disclosing material non-public information and for complying with Commission Regulation FD and other disclosure obligations. Information contained in or linked from our websites is not incorporated into and does not constitute a part of this report.

Overview

We own several operating subsidiaries that provide financial services including full-service retail securities brokerage, investment education, securities trading, investment banking and market making activities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. We are headquartered in Almaty, Kazakhstan, with supporting administrative offices in Russia, Cyprus and the United States.

Our subsidiaries are participants of the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE), the Astana International Exchange (AIX), the Moscow Stock Exchange (MOEX), the Saint-Petersburg Stock Exchange (SPBX), the Ukrainian Exchange (UX), and the Republican Stock Exchange of Tashkent (UZSE). Our Cyprus office provides our clients with operations support and access to the investment opportunities, relative stability, and integrity of the U.S. and European securities markets, which under the regulatory regimes in a number of jurisdictions where we operate do not currently allow investors direct access to international securities markets. In several jurisdictions in which we operate, investors cannot easily access international securities markets.

Our business is directed toward providing an array of financial services to our target retail audience which is upper middle class individuals and businesses seeking access to the largest most liquid financial markets in the world and to diversify their investment portfolios to manage economic risk associated with political, regulatory, currency, banking, and national uncertainties. Clients are provided online tools and retail locations to establish accounts and conduct securities trading on transaction-based pricing. We market to our customer demographic through a number of channels, including telemarketing, training seminars and investment conferences, print and online advertising using social media, our mobile app and search engine optimization activities.

Executive Summary

Customer Base

We serviced more than 133,000 client accounts of which more than 50% carried positive cash or asset account balances as of December 31, 2019. For the three months ended December 31, 2019, we had approximately 37,000 active accounts. Internally, we designate "active accounts" as those in which one transaction occurs per quarter.

During fiscal 2019 we made several strategic acquisitions which enabled us to expand our market reach and provide our clientele the convenience of both a state-of-the-art proprietary electronic trading platform, Tradernet, and 75 retail brokerage and financial services offices located across Kazakhstan (16), Kyrgyzstan (1), Russia (34), Uzbekistan (8), Ukraine (13), Cyprus (1) and Germany (1) that provide an array of financial services, investment consulting and education. In Russia 17 of our brokerage and financial services offices also provide banking services to firm customers. During fiscal 2020 we have been focused on client acquisition through expanded marketing and sales efforts designed to attract new clients, increase account size of existing clients and enhance consumer confidence in the Freedom Finance brand. We have also explored client acquisition through strategic partnering opportunities with large banks and other market participants. Expansion through continued business acquisition will continue to be a part of our overall growth strategy.

Significant Events

Our common stock was uplisted from the OTCQX Best Market and began trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market on October 15, 2019.

On October 22, 2019, we announced that our common stock had also been approved for listing on the Saint-Petersburg Stock Exchange.

In December 2019 we placed \$14.5 million of FRHC 7.000% notes due December 2022 with accredited investors in Kazakhstan in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Astana International Financial Centre ("AIFC"). We realized net proceeds of \$14.4 million. The notes were issued in denominations of U.S \$100,000, with interest payable semi-annually in June and December. The aggregate principal amount of the FRHC notes is U.S.\$50 million. The Notes include customary events of default relating to disposition of Company assets outside the ordinary course of business, defaults on Company liabilities and obligations, corporate reorganizations, initiation of bankruptcy proceeding, termination of the AIX listing by the Company, and substitution of the principal debtor without requisite approval. The FRHC notes were not registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and were offered and sold pursuant to and in accordance with the exemption from registration in the United States provided under Regulation S. The FRHC notes were not offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of U.S. persons. The FRHC notes are listed on the Astana International Exchange ("AIX"). Subsequent to the quarter end, in January 2020, we placed an additional \$1 million of FRHC notes. The Astana International Exchange Registrar Limited acts as the registrar for the FRHC notes. The Terms and Conditions governing the FRHC notes is attached as Exhibit 4.01 to this quarterly report on Form 10-Q and is incorporated herein by this reference.

In December 2019 we acquired approximately a 13% interest in the Saint-Petersburg Exchange Joint-Stock Company, which owns the Saint-Petersburg Stock Exchange ("SPBX") for approximately \$10.5 million. The SPBX is one of the oldest Russian exchanges. It is the third most active stock exchange in Russia by volume, and the largest Russian exchange outside of Moscow. In November 2014 the SPBX started trading in the securities of certain S&P 500 Index listed companies and enables local private investors access to certain U.S. securities. In June 2019 the SPBX announced that the exchange trades in nearly 1,000 American shares, depository receipts and bonds. We believe our association with the SPBX will allow us to attract more customers interested in investing in the U.S. capital markets.

Financial Results

During the three months ended December 31, 2019, we realized net income of approximately \$4 million and basic and diluted earnings per share of \$0.07. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, net income totaled approximately \$20.9 million and basic and diluted earnings per share were \$0.36. As a result of strengthening of our functional currencies against our reporting currency and the resulting foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax, we realized a gain on foreign currency translation adjustments of approximately \$2.8 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2019, resulting in comprehensive income before noncontrolling interests of approximately \$6.9 million and \$22.3 million, respectively, during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2019.

All dollar amounts reflected under the headings "Results of Operations," "Liquidity and Capital Resources," and "Cash Flows" in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations are presented in thousands of U.S. dollars unless the context indicates otherwise.

Results of Operations

Three months ended December 31, 2019 compared to the three months ended December 31, 2018

The following quarter-to-quarter comparison of our financial results is not necessarily indicative of future results.

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2019			Thr	ree Months Ended December 31, 2018		
	A	mount	% *	A	mount	% *	
Revenues:							
Fee and commission income	\$	20,583	70%	\$	12,274	47%	
Net gain on trading securities		6,448	22%		11,641	44%	
Interest income		3,063	10%		2,976	11%	
Net loss on foreign exchange operations		(1,080)	(4%)	(498)	(2%)	
Net gain on derivatives		556	2%		-	-	
Total revenue, net		29,570	100%		26,393	100%	
Expenses:							
Interest expense		3,167	11%		3,180	12%	
Fee and commission expense		5,525	19%		1,422	5%	
Operating expense		16,608	56%		12,117	46%	
Provision/(recovery) for impairment losses		152	1%		243	1%	
Other expense, net		118	0%		(14)	0%	
Total expense		25,570	87%		16,948	64%	
Net income before income taxes		4,000	14%		9,445	36%	
Income tax benefit/(expense)		50	(0%)	(545)	(2%)	
Net income	\$	4,050	14%	\$	8,900	34%	
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in subsidiary		(991)	(3%)=	-	-	
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$	5,041	17%	\$	8,900	34%	
Other comprehensive income							
Change in unrealized gain on available-for-sale, net of tax effect	\$	(1)	0%		-	-	
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax effect		2,841	10%		(5,596)	(21%)	
Comprehensive income before noncontrolling interests Less: comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in	\$	6,890	23%	\$	3,304	13%	
subsidiary		(991)	(3%)	-	-	
Comprehensive income attributable to common shareholders	\$	7,881	27%		3,304	13%	

^{*} Reflects percentage of total revenues, net.

Revenue

We derive revenue primarily from gains realized from fee and commission income earned from our retail brokerage clients, underwriting and market making activities, our proprietary trading activities, and interest income.

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2019		Three Month December 3		Change		
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	
Fee and commission income	\$ 20,583	70% \$	12,274	47% \$	8,309	68%	
Net gain on trading securities	6,448	22%	11,641	44%	(5,193)	(45%)	
Interest income	3,063	10%	2,976	11%	87	3%	
Net loss on foreign exchange operations	(1,080)	(4)%	(498)	(2%)	(582)	117%	
Net gain on derivatives	556	2%	-	-	556	0%	
Total revenue, net	\$ 29,570	100%	26,393	100%\$	3,177	12%	

During the three months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, we realized total net revenue of \$29,570 and \$26,393, respectively. Revenue during the three months ended December 31, 2019, was significantly higher than the three months ended December 31, 2018, primarily due to increased fee and commission income, increased interest income and increased net gain on derivatives. The gains realized during the three months ended December 31, 2019, were partially offset by a decrease in net gain on trading securities and an increase in net loss on foreign exchange operations.

Fee and commission income. Fee and commission income consisted principally of broker fees from customer trading and related banking services, underwriting and market making services. During the three months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, fees and commissions generated from brokerage and related banking services were \$20,583 and \$12,274, respectively an increase of \$8,309.

During the three months ended December 31, 2019, fees and commissions from brokerage services increased \$7,636 as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2018. During the three months ended December 31, 2019, the number of clients we serviced was higher as a result of our efforts during our 2019 fiscal year to enlarge our branch office network via acquisitions and internal growth, to increase the number of our retail financial advisers, to expand the volume of analysts' reports available to our customer base and to grow the trading activity of our existing customers. Fees and commissions realized from underwriting and market making services increased by \$969 during the three months ended December 31, 2019, due to us engaging in more underwriting and market making activities compared to the three months ended December 31, 2018. The increase in fee and commission income was partially offset by lower banking service fees during the three months ended December 31, 2019 by \$296 compared to the three months ended December 31, 2018. Fees for bank services consist primarily of wire transfer fees, commissions for payment processing and commissions for currency exchange operations.

Net gain on trading securities. Net gain on trading securities reflects the gains and losses from trading activities in our proprietary trading accounts. Net gains or losses are comprised of realized and unrealized gains and losses. Gains or losses are realized when we close a position in a security and realize a gain or a loss on that position. U.S. GAAP requires that we reflect in our financial statements unrealized gains and losses on all our securities trading positions that remain open as of the end of each period. Fluctuations in unrealized gains or losses from one period to another may result from factors within our control, such as when we elect to close an open securities position, which would have the effect of reducing our open positions and, thereby potentially reducing or increasing the amount of unrealized gains or losses in a period. Fluctuations in unrealized gains and losses from period to period may also occur as a result of factors beyond our control, such as fluctuations in the market prices of the open securities positions we hold. This may adversely affect the ultimate value we realize from these investments. Unrealized gains or losses in a particular period may or may not be indicative of the gain or loss we will realize on a securities position when the position is closed. As a result, we may realize significant swings in gains and losses realized on our trading securities year-over-year and quarter-over-quarter. You should not assume that a gain or loss in any particular period is indicative of a trend or of the gain or loss we may ultimately realize when we close a position.

During the three months ended December 31, 2019, we recognized a net gain on trading securities of \$6,448 which included \$11,452 of realized net gain and \$5,004 of unrealized net loss compared to a net gain of \$11,641 on trading securities for three months ended December 31, 2018, which included \$7,523 of realized net gain and \$4,118 of unrealized net gain. The primary contributing factors to the decrease in our net gain on trading securities during three months ended December 31, 2019, was the reduction in the size of proprietary trading positions we held during the three months ended December 31, 2019, as compared to the prior period, and the fact that several securities held in our proprietary portfolio experienced decreases in share price during the three months ended December 31, 2019.

Interest income. During the three months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, we recorded interest income from several sources: interest income on trading securities, interest income on cash and cash equivalents held in financial institutions, interest income on reverse repurchase transactions and amounts due from banks. Interest income on trading securities consists of interest earned from investments in debt securities and dividends earned on equity securities held in our proprietary trading accounts. During the three months ended December 31, 2019, we realized interest income of \$3,063 compared to \$2,976 for the three months ended December 31, 2018. The increase in interest income of \$87 was the result of an increase in interest from reverse repurchase agreements in the amount of \$462, which was partially offset by decreased interest income on trading securities in the amount of \$257, loans to customers in the amount of \$86 and due from banks in the amount of \$32.

During the three months ended December 31, 2019, we realized lower interest income from trading securities because we decreased our investments in interest bearing securities as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2018. This decrease was partially offset by increased interest income from reverse repurchase transactions during the three months ended December 31, 2019, because we increased the volume of reverse repurchase transactions as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2018.

Net loss on foreign exchange operations. Net loss on foreign exchange operations resulted from revaluation of assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than our reporting currency. During the three months ended December 31, 2019, we realized a net loss on foreign exchange operations of \$1,080 compared to a net loss of \$498 during the three months ended December 31, 2018. In accordance with U.S. GAAP, we are required to revalue assets denominated in foreign currencies into our reporting currency, which is the U.S. dollar.

During the three months ended December 31, 2019, the values of the Kazakhstani tenge and Russian ruble appreciated approximately 2% and 4% against the United States dollar, respectively. As a result of an increase in Kazakhstani tenge denominated financial liabilities, coupled with the aforementioned appreciation in value of the Kazakhstani tenge against the United States dollar, we realized a \$393 loss on foreign exchange revaluations. In addition, we realized negative revaluation of Freedom RU's assets expressed in United States dollars in the amount of \$404 as a result of the Russian ruble strengthening against the United States dollar. We also realized a loss on foreign exchange operations of \$139 due to a higher volume of cash and non-cash foreign exchange operations executed by the Bank.

Expense

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2019		Three Month December 3		Change		
	Amount	%	Amount	% A	Amount	%	
Interest expense	\$ 3,167	12%	\$ 3,180	19% \$	(13)	0%	
Fee and commission expense	5,525	22%	1,422	8%	4,103	289%	
Operating expense	16,608	65%	12,117	72%	4,491	37%	
Provision/(recovery) for							
impairment losses	152	1%	243	1%	(91)	(37%)	
Other expense/(income), net	118	0%	(14)	0%	132	(943%)	
Total expense, net	\$ 25,570	100%	\$ 16,948	100%\$	8,622	51%	

During the three months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, we incurred total expenses of \$25,570 and \$16,948, respectively. Expenses during the three months ended December 31, 2019, increased primarily as a result of our continued efforts to grow our business.

Interest expense. During the three months ended December 31, 2019, we recognized total interest expense of \$3,167, compared to \$3,180 during the three months ended December 31, 2018. The decrease in interest expense of \$13 was primarily attributable to a decrease in interest expense for direct repurchase transactions totaling \$481, interest expense for customer deposits received totaling \$105, and interest expense for loans received totaling \$33. This decrease was partially offset by increased interest expense related to the issuance of debt securities totaling \$145. Also, on April 1, 2019, we adopted the new lease standard promulgated by FASB which resulted in our recognition of interest expense in the amount of \$461 during the three months ended December 31, 2019, compared to \$0 during the three months ended December 31, 2018.

Fee and commission expense. During the three months ended December 31, 2019, we recognized fee and commission expense of \$5,525 compared to fee and commission expense of \$1,422 during the three months ended December 31, 2018. The increase was associated with higher commission fees paid to the Central Depository, stock exchanges and brokerage fees to our prime brokers totaling \$4,009 as well as an increase in bank services commissions of \$94. The increases in fee and commission expense were the result of both growth in our client base and increased transaction volume from our existing clients.

Operating expense. During the three months ended December 31, 2019, operating expenses totaled \$16,608 compared to \$12,117 during the three months ended December 31, 2018. The increase was primarily attributable to higher general and administrative expenses related to the expansion of our operations and the growth of our branch office network, including a \$2,577 increase in payroll expenses, a \$1,166 increase in advertising expense, a \$468 increase in professional services, a \$299 increase in depreciation and amortization and a \$249 increase in business travel expenses. During the same period, we realized a \$387 decrease in repairs, a \$301 decrease in stock compensation expense and a \$193 decrease in inventory write-off expense. As a result of adopting the new lease standard, the Company realized a \$636 decrease in rent expenses and a \$1,171 increase in lease depreciation expenses.

Income tax benefit/(expense)

We recognized net income before income tax of \$4,000 and \$9,445 during the three months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. During the three months ended December 31, 2019, we realized an income tax benefit of \$50 compared to income tax expense of \$545 during the three months ended December 31, 2018, as a result of revisions of U.S. state taxes of non-U.S. earnings and changes in the composition of the revenues we realized from our operating activities and the tax treatment of those revenues in the various foreign jurisdictions where our subsidiaries operate along with the incremental U.S. tax on Global Intangible Low-taxed Income ("GILTI").

Comprehensive income/(loss) before noncontrolling interests

The functional currencies of our operating subsidiaries are the Russian ruble, Kazakhstani tenge, European euro, Ukrainian hryvnia and Uzbekistani sum. Our reporting currency is the United States dollar. Pursuant to U.S. GAAP we are required to revalue our assets from our functional currencies to our reporting currency for financial reporting purposes. As a result of strengthening of the Kazakhstani tenge and Russian ruble by approximately 2% and 4%, respectively, against the U.S. dollar we realized a foreign currency translation gain of \$2,841 during the three months ended December 31, 2019. In comparison, as a result of depreciation of the Russian ruble by 6% and the Kazakhstani tenge by 6% against the U.S. dollar during the three months ended December 31, 2018, we realized a foreign currency translation loss of \$5,596. During the three months ended December 31, 2019, we realized comprehensive income before noncontrolling interests of \$6,890 compared to comprehensive income before noncontrolling interests of \$3,304 during the three months ended December 31, 2018.

Results of Operations

Nine months ended December 31, 2019 compared to the nine months ended December 31, 2018

The following period-to-period comparison of our financial results is not necessarily indicative of future results.

	Nine months Ended December 31, 2019				Nine months Ended December 31, 2018		
	A	mount	% *	Amount	% *		
Revenues:							
Fee and commission income	\$	69,538	76%	. ,			
Net gain on trading securities		12,957	14%	12,669			
Interest income		8,999	10%	11,82			
Net loss on foreign exchange operations		(241)	(1%)	(3,74)	6) (7%)		
Net gain on derivatives		556	1%		<u> </u>		
Total revenue, net		91,809	100%	51,779	9 100%		
Expenses:							
Interest expense		9,976	11%	11,47			
Fee and commission expense		14,068	15%	3,15			
Operating expense		43,214	47%	31,27			
Provision/(recovery) for impairment losses		(1,316)	(1%)				
Other expense/(income), net		675	1%	22:			
Net loss on disposal of subsidiary		<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	1:	5 0%		
Total expense		66,617	73%	46,49	4 89%		
Net income before income taxes		25,192	27%	5,28	5 10%		
Income tax expense		(4,292)	(5%)	(1,00)	9) (2%)		
Net income	\$	20,900	22%	\$ 4,27	8%		
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in subsidiary		(1,120)	(1%)				
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$	22,020	24%	\$ 4,27	8%		
Other comprehensive income/(loss)							
Change in unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of							
tax effect	\$	26	0%	\$			
Reclassification adjustment relating to available-for-sale securities							
disposed of in the period, net of tax effect		-	-	2			
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax		1,408	2%	(17,83	6) (34%)		
Comprehensive income/(loss) before noncontrolling interests Less: comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in	\$	22,334	24%	\$ (13,53)	8) (26%)		
subsidiary		(1,120)	(1%)		_		
Comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to common	_	(1,120)	(170)				
shareholders	\$	23,454	26%	\$ (13,53)	8) (26%)		

^{*} Reflects percentage of total revenues, net.

Revenue

We derive revenue primarily from gains realized from fee and commission income earned from our retail brokerage clients, underwriting and market making activities, our proprietary trading activities, and interest income.

	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2019		Nine Months Ended December 31, 2018		Change	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Fee and commission income	\$ 69,538	76%	\$ 31,033	60% \$	38,505	124%
Net gain on trading securities	12,957	14%	12,669	24%	288	2%
Interest income	8,999	10%	11,823	23%	(2,824)	(24%)
Net (loss) on foreign exchange operations	(241)	(1%)	(3,746)	(7%)	3,505	94%
Net gain on derivatives	556	1%	-	-	556	0%
Total revenue, net	\$ 91,809	100%	\$ 51,779	100%	40,030	77%

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, we realized total net revenue of \$91,809 and \$51,779, respectively. Revenue during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, was significantly higher than the nine months ended December 31, 2018, primarily due to increased fee and commission income, higher net gain on trading securities, decreased net loss on foreign exchange operations, and increased net gain on derivatives, which were only partially offset by a decrease in interest income.

Fee and commission income. Fee and commission income consisted principally of broker fees from customer trading and related banking services, underwriting and market making services. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, fees and commissions generated from brokerage and related banking services were \$69,538 and \$31,033, respectively, an increase of \$38,505.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, fees and commissions from brokerage services increased by \$35,688 as compared to the nine months ended December 31, 2018. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, the number of clients we serviced was higher as a result of our efforts during our 2019 fiscal year to enlarge our branch office network via acquisitions and internal growth, to increase the number of our retail financial advisers, to expand the volume of analysts' reports available to our customer base and to grow trading activity by our existing customers. Fees and commissions from our related banking services increased during the nine months ended December 31, 2019 by \$1,153 compared to the nine months ended December 31, 2018. Fees for bank services consist primarily of wire transfer fees, commissions for payment processing and commissions for currency exchange operations. Fees and commissions realized from underwriting and market making services increased by \$1,664 during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, due to our engaging in more underwriting and market making activities compared to the nine months ended December 31, 2018.

Net gain on trading securities. Net gain on trading securities reflects the gains and losses from trading activities in our proprietary trading accounts. Net gains or losses are comprised of realized and unrealized gains and losses. Gains or losses are realized when we close a position in a security and realize a gain or a loss on that position. U.S. GAAP requires that we reflect in our financial statements unrealized gains and losses on all our securities trading positions that remain open as of the end of each period. Fluctuations in unrealized gains or losses from one period to another may result from factors within our control, such as when we elect to close an open securities position, which would have the effect of reducing our open positions and, thereby potentially reducing or increasing the amount of unrealized gains or losses in a period. Fluctuations in unrealized gains and losses from period to period may also occur as a result of factors beyond our control, such as fluctuations in the market prices of the open securities positions we hold. This may adversely affect the ultimate value we realize from these investments. Unrealized gains or losses in a particular period may or may not be indicative of the gain or loss we will realize on a securities position when the position is closed. As a result, we may realize significant swings in gains and losses realized on our trading securities year-over-year and quarter-over-quarter. You should not assume that a gain or loss in any particular period is indicative of a trend or of the gain or loss we may ultimately realize when we close a position.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, we recognized a net gain on trading securities of \$12,957 which included \$18,208 of realized net gain and \$5,251 of unrealized net loss compared to a net gain of \$12,669 on trading securities for nine months ended December 31, 2018, which included \$22,292 of realized net gain and \$9,623 of unrealized net loss. The primary contributing factor to our higher net gain on trading securities during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, was increases in the market prices of several securities we held.

Interest income. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, we recorded interest income from several sources: interest income on trading securities, interest income on cash and cash equivalents held in financial institutions, interest income on reverse repurchase transactions and amounts due from banks. Interest income on trading securities consists of interest earned from investments in debt securities and dividends earned on equity securities held in our proprietary trading accounts. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, we realized interest income of \$8,999 compared to \$11,823 for the nine months ended December 31, 2018. The decrease in interest income of \$2,824 was the result of several factors including, decreased interest income on trading securities in the amount of \$1,957 and a \$552 decrease in interest income from reverse repurchase transactions, as well as a \$268 decrease in interest income from loans to customers and a \$47 decrease in interest due from banks.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, we realized lower interest income from trading securities because dividend income decreased as compared to the nine months ended December 31, 2018. Interest income from reverse repurchase transactions was lower during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, because we decreased the volume of reverse repurchase transactions as compared to the nine months ended December 31, 2018.

Net loss on foreign exchange operations. Net losses on foreign exchange operations result from revaluation of assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than our reporting currency. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, we realized a net loss on foreign exchange operations of \$241 compared to a net loss of \$3,746 during the nine months ended December 31, 2018. In accordance with U.S. GAAP, we are required to revalue assets denominated in foreign currencies into our reporting currency, which is the U.S. dollar.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, the value of the Kazakhstani tenge depreciated by approximately 1% against the United States dollar, whereas the value of the Russian ruble increased in value against the United States dollar by approximately 4%. As a result of an increase in Kazakhstani tenge denominated financial assets, coupled with the aforementioned reduction in value of the Kazakhstani tenge against the United States dollar, we realized a \$151 loss on foreign exchange revaluations. We also realized a loss on revaluation of corporate bonds indexed to United States dollars issued by Freedom KZ in the amount of \$93.

Expense

	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2019		Nine Month December 3		Change		
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	
Interest expense	\$ 9,976	15% \$	11,471	25% \$	(1,495)	(13%)	
Fee and commission expense	14,068	21%	3,155	7%	10,913	346%	
Operating expense	43,214	65%	31,272	67%	11,942	38%	
Provision/(recovery) for							
impairment losses	(1,316)	(2)%	358	1%	(1,674)	(468%)	
Other expense/(income), net	675	1%	223	0%	452	203%	
Net gain/loss on disposal of subsidiary	-	=	15	0%	(15)	(100%)	
Total expense, net	\$ 66,617	100%	6 46,494	100%\$	20,123	43%	

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, we incurred total expenses of \$66,617 and \$46,494, respectively. Expenses during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, increased primarily as a result of our continued efforts to grow our business and were only partially offset by lower interest expense and recovery for impairment losses.

Interest expense. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, we recognized total interest expense of \$9,976, compared to \$11,471 during the nine months ended December 31, 2018. The decrease in interest expense of \$1,495 was primarily attributable to a lower volume of short-term financing attracted by means of securities repurchase agreements totaling \$3,022 and interest expense for loans received totaling \$335. This decrease was partially offset by increased interest expense for customer accounts totaling \$138 and increased interest expense related to the issuance of debt securities totaling \$348. Also, on April 1, 2019, we adopted the new lease standard promulgated by FASB which resulted in our recognition of interest expense in the amount of \$1,374 during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, compared to \$0 during the nine months ended December 31, 2018.

Fee and commission expense. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, we recognized fee and commission expense of \$14,068 compared to fee and commission expense of \$3,155 during the nine months ended December 31, 2018. The increase was associated with higher commission fees paid to the Central Depository, stock exchanges and brokerage fees to our prime brokers of \$9,922 as well as an increase in bank services commissions of \$991. The increases in fee and commission expense were the result of both growth in our client base and increased transaction volume from our existing clients.

Operating expense. During the nine months ended September 2019, operating expenses totaled \$43,124 compared to the operating expenses of \$31,272 for the nine months ended September 2018. This increase resulted primarily from an \$8,004 increase in payroll and bonus expense, a \$2,198 increase in professional services, a \$1,002 increase in marketing and advertising expenses, a \$709 increase in depreciation and amortization, a \$555 increase in business travel expenses, a \$275 increase in charity and a \$226 increase in communication services, which were partially offset by a \$1,170 decrease in repairs, a \$432 decrease in stock compensation expense and a \$388 decrease in inventory write-off expenses. As a result of adopting the new lease standard, the Company realized a \$2,507 decrease in rent expense and a \$3,322 increase in lease depreciation expense.

Provision/(recovery) for impairment losses. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, receivables in the amount of approximately \$17,945 were repaid, including \$2,263 which management had previously estimated may be uncollectible and for which management had recognized an impairment loss in prior period. This recovery was partially offset by an additional provision for impairment losses in the amount of \$928. We anticipate the \$2,263 recovery of impairment loss during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, to be a one-time event that will not recur in future periods.

Income tax expense

We recognized net income before income tax of \$25,192 during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, and net income before income tax of \$5,285 during the nine months ended December 31, 2018. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, we realized income tax expense of \$4,292 compared to \$1,009 during the nine months ended December 31, 2018, as a result of changes in the composition of the revenues we realized from our operating activities and the tax treatment of those revenues in the various foreign jurisdictions where our subsidiaries operate along with the incremental U.S. tax on Global Intangible Low-taxed Income ("GILTI").

Comprehensive income/(loss) before noncontrolling interests

The functional currencies of our operating subsidiaries are the Russian ruble, Kazakhstani tenge, European euro, Ukrainian hryvnia and Uzbekistani sum. Our reporting currency is the United States dollar. Pursuant to U.S. GAAP we are required to revalue our assets from our functional currencies to our reporting currency for financial reporting purposes. As a result of weakening of the Kazakhstani tenge by 1% and Russian ruble strengthening by 4% against the U.S. dollar we realized a foreign currency translation gain of \$1,408 during the nine months ended December 31, 2019. In comparison, as a result of the depreciation of the Russian ruble by 21% and the Kazakhstani tenge by 14% against the U.S. dollar during the nine months ended December 31, 2018 we realized a foreign currency translation loss of \$17,836. During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, we realized comprehensive income before noncontrolling interests of \$22,334 compared to a comprehensive loss before noncontrolling interests of \$13,538 during the nine months ended December 31, 2018.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity is a measurement of our ability to meet our potential cash requirements for general business purposes. Our operations are funded through a combination of existing cash on hand, cash generated from operations, proceeds from the issuance of common stock, proceeds from the sale of bonds of our subsidiaries, our credit facility and other borrowings. Regulatory requirements applicable to our subsidiaries require each of them to maintain minimum capital levels.

As of December 31, 2019, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$93,653 compared to cash and cash equivalents of \$49,960, as of March 31, 2019. On December 31, 2019, we had total assets of \$523,241 and total liabilities of \$381,330. By comparison, at March 31, 2019, we had total assets of \$350,911 and total liabilities of \$233,314. At December 31, 2019, we had net liquid assets of \$425,210 consisting of cash and cash equivalents, trading securities, brokerage and net other receivables, other assets, and derivative assets compared to \$295,934 at March 31, 2019.

Currency fluctuations during the periods discussed above led to approximately a 4% increase in the value of the Russian ruble against the U.S. dollar, while the Kazakhstani tenge decreased approximately 1% against the U.S. dollar during the period from March 31, 2019 to December 31, 2019. As a result, in accordance with U.S. GAAP, balance sheet items denominated in Russian rubles and Kazakhstani tenge had to be revalued. This caused us to realize a \$241 net loss on foreign exchange operations and a foreign currency translation gain of \$1,408 during the nine months ended December 31, 2019.

As of December 31, 2019, the value of the trading securities held in our proprietary trading account totaled \$164,145 compared to \$167,949 at March 31, 2019. This decrease in trading securities was primarily attributable to decreased market prices of several of the proprietary positions we held. As of December 31, 2019, \$72,861, or 44%, of the trading securities held in our proprietary trading account were subject to securities repurchase obligations compared to \$101,124 or 60% as of March 31, 2019. Of the \$93,653 in cash and cash equivalents we held at December 31, 2019, \$21,578, or approximately 23%, were subject to reverse repurchase agreements. By comparison, at March 31, 2019, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$49,960, of which \$7,887, or 16%, were subject to reverse repurchase agreements.

At December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2109, we had outstanding debt securities totaling \$39,150 and \$28,538 respectively. Our outstanding debt securities at December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, included outstanding bonds of our subsidiaries Freedom KZ and Freedom RU. These bonds have fixed annual coupon rates ranging from 8% to 12% and maturity dates ranging from June 2020 to February 2022. In December 2019, we placed \$14.5 million of FRHC 7.000% notes due December 2022. The aggregate principal amount of the FRHC notes is U.S.\$50 million. We realized net proceeds from the December placement of \$14.4 million. Proceeds from the FRHC note placement will be used for restructuring corporate borrowing, general corporate purposes and financing of business development initiatives.

As registered broker-dealers and a bank, our subsidiaries are required to satisfy minimum net capital requirements to maintain licensure to conduct the brokerage and/or banking services we provide. These minimum net capital requirements range from approximately \$27 to \$19,168 and fluctuate depending on various factors. As of December 31, 2019, we had net assets of \$141,911. In the event we fail to maintain minimum net capital, we may be subject to fines and penalties, suspension of operations, revocation of licensure and disqualification of our management from working in the industry.

We monitor and manage our leverage and liquidity risk through various committees and processes we have established. We assess our leverage and liquidity risk based on considerations and assumptions of market factors, as well as other factors, including the amount of available liquid capital (i.e., the amount of their cash and cash equivalents not invested in our operating business). While we are confident in the risk monitoring and management processes we have in place, a significant portion of our trading securities and cash and cash equivalents are subject to collateralization agreements. This significantly enhances our risk of loss in the event financial markets move against our positions. When this occurs our liquidity, capitalization and business can be negatively impacted. Because of the amount of leverage we employ in our proprietary trading activities, coupled with our strategy to at times take large positions in select companies or industries, our liquidity, capitalization, projected return on investment and results of operations can be significantly affected when we misjudge the impact of events, timing and liquidity of the markets for those securities.

We have pursued an aggressive growth strategy during the past several years, and we hope to continue to expand the footprint of our financial services business in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, as appropriate opportunities arise. While this strategy has led to revenue growth it also results in increased expenses and greater need for capital resources. Further growth and expansion may require greater capital resources than we currently possess, which could require us to pursue additional equity or debt financing from outside sources. We cannot assure that such financing will be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all, at the time it is needed.

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, cash expected to be generated from operating activities, and forecasted returns from our proprietary trading will be sufficient to meet our working capital needs for the next 12 months. We continue to monitor our financial performance to ensure adequate liquidity to fund operations and execute our business plan.

Cash Flows

The following table presents our cash flows for the nine months ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	mo	or the nine nths ended cember 31, 2019	moi	r the nine nths ended cember 31, 2018
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$	68,645	\$	45,879
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(10,595)		(6,048)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(8,372)		(48,808)
Effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on cash				
and cash equivalents	_	5,281	_	(10,188)
NET CHANGE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND RESTRICTED CASH	\$	54,959	\$	(19,165)

Net cash from operating activities during the nine months December 31, 2019, was \$68,645. By comparison, during the nine months ended December 31, 2018, net cash from operating activities was \$45,879. Net cash from operating activities during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, was driven by net income, adjusted for non-cash movements (depreciation and amortization, depreciation of lease asset, non-cash stock compensation expense, unrealized loss on trading securities, unrealized gain on derivative asset, allowance for receivables, net change in accrued interest) and net cash from operating activities primarily from changes in operating assets and liabilities, including a \$105,560 increase in customer liabilities resulting from deposits from new customers and increased deposits from existing customers and a \$22,069 increase in trade payables for margin. These changes were only partially offset by \$80,423 increase in brokerage and other receivable from margin.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2019, net cash used in investing activities was \$10,595 compared to \$6,048 during the nine months ended December 31, 2018. Cash used in investing activities during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, was used for the purchase of fixed assets, net of sales in the amount of \$3,140 and to purchase available-for-sale securities in the amount of \$7,455. Cash used in investing activities during the nine months ended December 31, 2018, was primarily used for the acquisition of Asyl Invest in the amount of \$2,240 and for the purchase of fixed assets, net of sales, in the amount of \$4,043, which was partially offset by cash received from the sale of available-for-sale securities, at fair value of \$235.

During the nine months December 31, 2019, net cash used in financing activities was \$8,372 compared to \$48,808 during the nine months ended December 31, 2018. Net cash used in financing activities during the nine months ended December 31, 2019, consisted principally of securities repurchase agreement obligations in the amount of \$15,285 and repayment of loans received in the amount of \$4,008. This was offset by proceeds from the issuance debt securities of FRHC and Freedom KZ and the repurchase of Freedom KZ debt securities, resulting in net proceeds of \$10,466 and from proceeds from stock option exercises in the amount of \$455. By comparison, net cash flows used in financing activities during the nine months ended December 31, 2018, consisted principally of securities repurchase agreement obligations in the amount of \$65,238 and repayment of loans received in the amount of \$2,528, which was offset by proceeds from the issuance of debt securities of Freedom KZ in the amount of \$18,713 and capital contributions to the Company in the amount of \$225.

Contractual Obligations and Contingencies

Because we are a smaller reporting company, we are not required to provide the information required by this Item.

Off-Balance Sheet Financing Arrangements

As of December 31, 2019, we had no off-balance sheet financing arrangements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

For a discussion of critical accounting policies and estimates, please see Note 2 to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Item 3. Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Because we are a smaller reporting company, we are not required to provide the information required by this Item.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of end of the period covered by this quarterly report, our management, under the supervision and with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures under the 2013 framework of the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that as of December 31, 2019, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective. Disclosure controls and procedures enable us to record, process, summarize and report information required to be included in our Exchange Act filings within the required time period. Our disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the periodic reports filed with the SEC is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive, financial and accounting officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended December 31, 2019, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The securities industry is highly regulated and many aspects of our business involve substantial risk of liability. In recent years, there has been an increasing incidence of litigation involving the financial services industry, including class action suits that generally seek substantial damages, including in some cases punitive damages. Compliance and trading problems that are reported to regulators, exchanges or other self-regulatory organizations by dissatisfied customers are investigated by such regulatory bodies, and, if pursued by such regulatory body or such customers, may rise to the level of arbitration or disciplinary action. We are also subject to periodic regulatory audits and inspections.

From time to time our subsidiaries are party to various routine legal proceedings, claims, and regulatory inquiries arising out of the ordinary course of their business. Management believes that the results of these routine legal proceedings, claims, and regulatory matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, or on our operations and cash flows. However, we cannot estimate the legal fees and expenses to be incurred in connection with these routine matters and, therefore, are unable to determine whether future legal fees and expenses will have a material impact on our operations and cash flows. It is our policy to expense legal and other fees as incurred.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

We believe there are no additions to the risk factors disclosed in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2019, filed with the Commission on June 14, 2019.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed or furnished, as applicable, as part of this report:

Exhibit No.*	Description of Exhibit	Location
Item 4	Instruments Defining the Rights of Securities Holders	
<u>4.01</u>	Terms and Conditions of FRHC 7.000% Interest Notes due December 2022	Attached
Item 31	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications	
<u>31.01</u>	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Attached
<u>31.02</u>	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Attached
Item 32	Section 1350 Certifications	
<u>32.01</u>	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Attached
Item 101	Interactive Data File	
101	The following Freedom Holding Corp, financial information for the periods ended December 31, 2019, formatted in XBRL (eXtensive Business Reporting Language): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Statements of Other Comprehensive Income, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (iv) the Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.	Attached

^{*} All exhibits are numbered with the number preceding the decimal indicating the applicable SEC reference number in Item 601 and the number following the decimal indicating the sequence of the particular document.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FREEDOM HOLDING CORP.

Date: February 10, 2020 /s/ Timur Turlov

Timur Turlov

Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 10, 2020 /s/ Evgeniy Ler

Evgeniy Ler

Chief Financial Officer

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