

Triplecrown Acquisition Corp.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 10-K

**x Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007

**.. Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 001-33698

## TRIPLECROWN ACQUISITION CORP.

(Name of Issuer in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

970 West Broadway, PMB 402, Jackson, Wyoming  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(307) 633-2831

26-0333311  
(Issuer I.R.S. Employer I.D. Number)

83001  
(zip code)

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(Issuer's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

## Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Units consisting of one share of Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share, and one Warrant	American Stock Exchange
Common Stock, \$.0001 par value per share	American Stock Exchange
Warrants to purchase shares of Common Stock	American Stock Exchange

## Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934 during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirement for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if there is no disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-K contained in this form, and no disclosure will be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one).

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☒

Smaller Reporting company ☐

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act) Yes ☒ No ☐

Issuer's revenues for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2007 was \$0.

As of June 30, 2007 (the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter), the aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$0.

As of March 25, 2008, there were 69,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$.0001 par value per share, outstanding.

Documents Incorporated by Reference: None.



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**PART I**

**ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

Triplecrown Acquisition Corp. is a blank check company formed on June 8, 2007 to effect a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition or other similar business combination with one or more operating businesses in the financial services industry.

On October 25, 2007, we closed our initial public offering ( IPO ) of 55,200,000 units, including 7,200,000 units subject to the underwriters over-allotment option, with each unit consisting of one share of our common stock and one warrant, each to purchase one share of our common stock at an exercise price of \$7.50 per share. Simultaneously with the consummation of the IPO, we consummated the private sale of 5,000,000 warrants ( sponsors warrants ) at a price of \$1.00 per sponsors warrant, generating total proceeds of \$5,000,000. The units from the IPO (including the over-allotment option) were sold at an offering price of \$10.00 per unit, generating total gross proceeds of \$552,000,000. After deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and the offering expenses, \$536,930,000 was deposited into the trust account and the remaining proceeds of \$289,932 became available to be used to provide for business, legal and accounting due diligence on prospective business combinations and continuing general and administrative expenses. We have also used \$94,181 of the aggregate up to \$6,000,000 that may be released to us from interest earned on the proceeds in the trust account. The net proceeds of \$536,930,000 deposited into the trust account remain in the trust account and have earned \$3,569,977 in interest through December 31, 2007.

We are not presently engaged in, and we will not engage in, any substantive commercial business until we consummate a business combination. We intend to utilize our cash, including the funds held in the trust account, capital stock, debt or a combination of the foregoing in effecting a business combination. A business combination may involve the acquisition of, or merger with, a company which does not need substantial additional capital but which desires to establish a public trading market for its shares, while avoiding what it may deem to be adverse consequences of undertaking a public offering itself. These include time delays, significant expense, loss of voting control and compliance with various Federal and state securities laws. In the alternative, we may seek to consummate a business combination with a company that may be financially unstable or in its early stages of development or growth.

**Selection of a target business and structuring of a business combination**

We anticipate that target business candidates will be brought to our attention from various unaffiliated sources, including investment bankers, venture capital funds, private equity funds, leveraged buyout funds, management buyout funds and other members of the financial community. Target businesses may be brought to our attention by such unaffiliated sources as a result of being solicited by us through calls or mailings. These sources may also introduce us to target businesses they think we may be interested in on an unsolicited basis, since many of these sources will have read our prospectus for our IPO and know what types of businesses we are targeting. Our officers and directors, as well as their affiliates, may also bring to our attention target business candidates that they become aware of through their business contacts as a result of formal or informal inquiries or discussions they may have, as well as attending trade shows or conventions. While we do not presently anticipate engaging the services of professional firms or other individuals that specialize in business acquisitions on any formal basis, we may engage these firms or other individuals in the future, in which event we may pay a finder s fee, consulting fee or other compensation to be determined in an arm s length negotiation based on the terms of the transaction. In no event, however, will we pay any of our initial officers, directors or stockholders (collectively, our Founders ) or any entity with which they are affiliated any finder s fee or other compensation for services rendered to us prior to or in connection with the consummation of a business combination.

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Subject to the requirement that our initial business combination must be with a target business that has a fair market value that is at least 80% of the balance in the trust account (excluding amounts payable for deferred underwriting discounts and commissions) at the time of such acquisition and operate in the financial services industry, our management has unrestricted flexibility in identifying and selecting a prospective target business. In evaluating a prospective target business, our management may consider, among other factors, any of the following:

expected returns on investment relative to the aggregate consideration expected to be paid in a business combination;

financial condition and results of operations;

growth potential;

brand recognition and potential;

experience and skill of management and availability of additional personnel;

capital requirements;

stage of development of the products, processes or services;

degree of current or potential market acceptance of the products, processes or services;

proprietary aspects of products and the extent of intellectual property or other protection for products or formulas;

impact of regulation on the business;

regulatory environment of the industry; and

costs associated with effecting the business combination;

These criteria are not intended to be exhaustive. Any evaluation relating to the merits of a particular business combination will be based, to the extent relevant, on the above factors as well as other considerations deemed relevant by our management in effecting a business combination consistent with our business objective. In evaluating a prospective target business, we conduct extensive due diligence reviews which encompass, among other things, meetings with incumbent management and inspection of facilities, as well as review of financial and other information which will be made available to us.

## **Fair Market Value of Target Business**

The initial target business that we acquire must have a fair market value equal to at least 80% of the trust account balance (excluding amounts payable for deferred underwriting discounts and commissions) at the time of such acquisition. The fair market value of such business will be determined by our board of directors based upon one or more standards generally accepted by the financial community (such as actual and

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potential sales, earnings, cash flow and/or book value). If our board is not able to independently determine that the target business has a sufficient fair market value, we will obtain an opinion from an unaffiliated, independent investment banking firm which is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority with respect to the satisfaction of such criteria. We will not be required to obtain an opinion from an investment banking firm as to the fair market value if our board of directors independently determines that the target business has sufficient fair market value.

### **Opportunity for stockholder approval of business combination**

Prior to the completion of a business combination, we will submit the transaction to our stockholders for approval, even if the nature of the acquisition is such as would not ordinarily require stockholder approval under applicable state law. In connection with any such transaction, we will also submit to our stockholders for approval a proposal to amend our amended and restated certificate of incorporation to provide for our corporate life to continue perpetually following the consummation of such business combination. Any vote to extend our

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corporate life to continue perpetually following the consummation of a business combination will be taken only if the business combination is approved. We will only consummate a business combination if stockholders vote both in favor of such business combination and our amendment to extend our corporate life.

In connection with seeking stockholder approval of a business combination, we will furnish our stockholders with proxy solicitation materials prepared in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which, among other matters, will include a description of the operations of the target business and audited historical financial statements of the business.

In connection with the vote required for any business combination, our Founders have agreed to vote their respective shares of common stock owned by them immediately prior to our IPO ( Founder Shares ) in accordance with the vote of the majority of the shares of our common stock sold in such offering ( IPO Shares ). Our Founders have also agreed that they will vote any shares they purchase in any other private placement or in the open market in favor of an initial business combination. We will proceed with the business combination only if a majority of the IPO Shares present and entitled to vote at the meeting to approve the business combination are voted for the approval of such business combination and stockholders holding less than 30% of the IPO Shares exercise their conversion rights.

### **Conversion rights**

At the time we seek stockholder approval of any business combination, we will offer the holders of IPO Shares (but not any of our Founders to the extent they purchased IPO Shares) the right to have such shares converted to cash if the stockholder votes against the business combination and the business combination is approved and completed. The actual per-share conversion price will be equal to the amount in the trust account, inclusive of any interest, as of two business days prior to the consummation of the business combination, divided by the total number of IPO Shares. As of December 31, 2007, the per-share conversion price would have been approximately \$9.76.

An eligible stockholder may request conversion at any time after the mailing to our stockholders of the proxy statement and prior to the vote taken with respect to a proposed initial business combination at a meeting held for that purpose, but the request will not be granted unless the stockholder votes against the initial business combination and the initial business combination is approved and completed. Additionally, we may require public stockholders, whether they are a record holder or hold their shares in street name, to either tender their certificates to our transfer agent at any time through the vote on the initial business combination or to deliver their shares to the transfer agent electronically using Depository Trust Company's DWAC (Deposit/Withdrawal At Custodian) System, at the holder's option. The proxy solicitation materials that we will furnish to stockholders in connection with the vote for any proposed initial business combination will indicate whether we are requiring stockholders to satisfy such certification and delivery requirements. Accordingly, a stockholder would have from the time we send out our proxy statement through the vote on the initial business combination to complete the tender or delivery of his shares to us if he wishes to seek to exercise his conversion rights. We will only require stockholders to deliver their certificates prior to the vote if we give stockholders at least two weeks between the mailing of the proxy solicitation materials and the meeting date.

If a stockholder votes against the initial business combination but fails to properly exercise its conversion rights, such stockholder will not have its shares of common stock converted to its pro rata distribution of the trust account. Any request for conversion, once made, may be withdrawn at any time up to the date of the meeting. Furthermore, if a stockholder delivers his certificate for conversion and subsequently decides prior to the meeting not to elect conversion, he may simply request that the transfer agent return the certificate (physically or electronically). It is anticipated that the funds to be distributed to stockholders entitled to convert their shares who elect conversion will be distributed promptly after completion of our initial business combination. Holders of IPO Shares who convert their stock into their pro rata share of the trust account will still have the right to exercise any warrants they still hold.



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We will not complete our proposed initial business combination if public stockholders owning 30% or more of the shares sold in the IPO exercise their conversion rights. If a vote on an initial business combination is held and the initial business combination is not approved, we may continue to try to consummate an initial business combination until October 22, 2009. If the initial business combination is not approved or completed for any reason, then holders of IPO Shares voting against our initial business combination who exercised their conversion rights would not be entitled to convert their shares of common stock into a pro rata share of the aggregate amount then on deposit in the trust account. In such case, if we have required holders of IPO Shares to tender their certificates prior to the meeting, we will promptly return such certificates to the tendering stockholder. Holders of IPO Shares would be entitled to receive their pro rata share of the aggregate amount on deposit in the trust account only in the event that the initial business combination they voted against was duly approved and subsequently completed, or in connection with our liquidation.

### **Liquidation if no business combination**

If we do not complete a business combination by October 22, 2009, we will be dissolved and will distribute to all holders of IPO Shares, in proportion to the number of IPO Shares held by them, an aggregate sum equal to the amount in the trust account, inclusive of any interest, plus any remaining net assets. The Founders have waived their rights to participate in any liquidation distribution with respect to their Founder Shares. There will be no distribution from the trust account with respect to our warrants.

Upon notice from us, the trustee of the trust account will commence liquidating the investments constituting the trust account and will turn over the proceeds to our transfer agent for distribution to our stockholders. We anticipate that our instruction to the trustee would be given promptly after the expiration of the applicable time periods.

If we were to expend all of the net proceeds of our IPO, other than the proceeds deposited in the trust account, the per-share liquidation price as of December 31, 2007 would have been approximately \$9.73. However, the proceeds deposited in the trust account could become subject to the claims of our creditors which could be prior to the claims of our public stockholders. We will seek to have all third parties (including any vendors or other entities we engage other than our independent registered public accountants) and any prospective target businesses enter into valid and enforceable agreements with us waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies held in the trust account. Eric J. Watson, our chairman of the board and treasurer, and Jonathan J. Ledecy, our president and secretary, have agreed that, if we liquidate prior to the consummation of a business combination, they will be personally liable to pay debts and obligations to target businesses or vendors or other entities that are owed money by us for services rendered or contracted for or products sold to us to the extent they have claims against the funds in our trust account, but only if such a vendor or prospective target business does not execute such a waiver.

### **Competition**

In identifying, evaluating and selecting a target business, we expect to encounter intense competition from other entities having a business objective similar to ours. There are numerous blank check companies that have completed initial public offerings that are seeking to carry out a business plan similar to our business plan. Additionally, we may be subject to competition from other companies looking to expand their operations through the acquisition of a target business. Many of these entities are well established and have extensive experience identifying and effecting business combinations directly or through affiliates. Many of these competitors possess greater technical, human and other resources than us and our financial resources will be relatively limited when contrasted with those of many of these competitors. While we believe there are numerous potential target businesses that we could acquire, our ability to compete in acquiring certain sizable target businesses will be limited by our available financial resources. This inherent competitive limitation gives others an advantage in pursuing the acquisition of a target business. Further:

our obligation to seek stockholder approval of a business combination may delay the completion of a transaction;

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our obligation to convert into cash IPO Shares in certain instances may reduce the resources available to us for a business combination; and

our outstanding warrants, and the future dilution they potentially represent, may not be viewed favorably by certain target businesses. Any of these factors may place us at a competitive disadvantage in successfully negotiating a business combination.

### **Employees**

We have two executive officers. These individuals are not obligated to contribute any specific number of hours to our matters and intend to devote only as much time as they deem necessary to our affairs. The amount of time they devote in any time period will vary based on the availability of suitable target businesses to investigate. We do not intend to have any full time employees prior to the consummation of a business combination.

## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

### ***Risks associated with our business***

In addition to other information included in this report, the following factors should be considered in evaluating our business and future prospects.

#### ***We are a development stage company with no operating history.***

We are a recently incorporated development stage company with no operating results to date. Since we do not have an operating history, you will have no basis upon which to evaluate our ability to achieve our business objective, which is to acquire an operating business. We will not generate any revenues until, at the earliest, after the consummation of a business combination.

#### ***We may not be able to consummate a business combination within the required time frame, in which case, we would be forced to liquidate our assets.***

Pursuant to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, we have until October 22, 2009 to complete a business combination. If we fail to consummate a business combination by such date, our corporate existence will, in accordance with our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, cease except for the purposes of winding up our affairs and liquidating. The foregoing requirements are set forth in Article Seventh of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and may not be eliminated except in connection with, and upon consummation of, a business combination. We may not be able to find suitable target businesses within the required time frame. In addition, our negotiating position and our ability to conduct adequate due diligence on any potential target may be reduced as we approach the deadline for the consummation of a business combination.

#### ***If we are unable to consummate a business combination, holders of IPO Shares will be forced to wait until October 22, 2009 before receiving liquidation distributions.***

We have until October 22, 2009 to complete a business combination. We have no obligation to return funds to holders of IPO Shares prior to such date unless we consummate a business combination prior thereto and only then in cases where such holders have sought conversion of their shares. Only after the expiration of this full time period will holders of IPO Shares be entitled to liquidation distributions if we are unable to complete a business combination. Accordingly, investors' funds may be unavailable to them until such date.

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***If we do not conduct an adequate due diligence investigation of a target business with which we combine, we may be required to subsequently take write-downs or write-offs, restructuring, and impairment or other charges that could have a significant negative effect on our financial condition, results of operations and our stock price, which could cause you to lose some or all of your investment.***

We must conduct a due diligence investigation of the target businesses we intend to acquire. Intensive due diligence is time consuming and expensive due to the operations, accounting, finance and legal professionals who must be involved in the due diligence process. Even if we conduct extensive due diligence on a target business with which we combine, we cannot assure you that this diligence will surface all material issues that may affect a particular target business, or that factors outside the control of the target business and outside of our control will not later arise. If our diligence fails to identify issues specific to a target business, industry or the environment in which the target business operates, we may be forced to later write-down or write-off assets, restructure our operations, or incur impairment or other charges that could result in our reporting losses. Even though these charges may be non-cash items and not have an immediate impact on our liquidity, the fact that we report charges of this nature could contribute to negative market perceptions about us or our common stock. In addition, charges of this nature may cause us to violate net worth or other covenants to which we may be subject as a result of assuming pre-existing debt held by a target business or by virtue of our obtaining post-combination debt financing.

***If third parties bring claims against us, the proceeds held in trust could be reduced and the per-share liquidation price received by stockholders will be less than approximately \$9.73 per share.***

Our placing of funds in trust may not protect those funds from third party claims against us. The proceeds held in trust could be subject to claims which could take priority over the claims of our public stockholders. We cannot assure you that the per-share liquidation price will not be less than the approximate \$9.73 per share held in trust as of December 31, 2007 due to claims of creditors. We will seek to have all third parties (including any vendors or other entities we engage other than our independent registered public accountants) and any prospective target businesses enter into valid and enforceable agreements with us waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies held in the trust account. If we liquidate before the completion of a business combination, Eric J. Watson and Jonathan J. Ledecy have agreed that they will be personally liable to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of target businesses or vendors or other entities that are owed money by us for services rendered or contracted for or products sold to us, but only if such a vendor or target business does not execute such a waiver. However, we cannot assure you that they will be able to satisfy those obligations. Furthermore, even after our liquidation (including the distribution of the monies then held in the trust account), under the Delaware General Corporation Law, stockholders may be held liable for claims by third parties against a corporation to the extent of distributions received by them in a dissolution. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that third parties will not seek to recover from our stockholders amounts owed to them by us.

***Holders of IPO Shares may be held liable for claims by third parties against us to the extent of distributions received by them.***

If we are unable to complete a business combination by October 22, 2009, our corporate existence will cease except for the purposes of winding up our affairs and liquidating pursuant to Section 278 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, in which case we will as promptly as practicable thereafter adopt a plan of distribution in accordance with Section 281(b) of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Section 278 provides that our existence will continue for at least three years after its expiration for the purpose of prosecuting and defending suits, whether civil, criminal or administrative, by or against us, and of enabling us gradually to settle and close our business, to dispose of and convey our property, to discharge our liabilities and to distribute to our stockholders any remaining assets, but not for the purpose of continuing the business for which we were organized. Our existence will continue automatically even beyond the three-year period for the purpose of completing the prosecution or defense of suits begun prior to the expiration of the three-year period, until such

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time as any judgments, orders or decrees resulting from such suits are fully executed. Section 281(b) will require us to pay or make reasonable provision for all then-existing claims and obligations, including all contingent, conditional, or unmatured contractual claims known to us, and to make such provision as will be reasonably likely to be sufficient to provide compensation for any then-pending claims and for claims that have not been made known to us or that have not arisen but that, based on facts known to us at the time, are likely to arise or to become known to us within 10 years after the date of dissolution. Accordingly, we would be required to provide for any creditors known to us at that time or those that we believe could be potentially brought against us within the subsequent 10 years prior to distributing the funds held in the trust to stockholders. However, because we are a blank check company, rather than an operating company, and our operations are limited to searching for prospective target businesses to acquire, the only likely claims to arise would be from our vendors that we engage (such as accountants, lawyers, investment bankers, etc.) and potential target businesses. We intend to have all vendors that we engage and prospective target businesses execute agreements with us waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies held in the trust account. Accordingly, we believe the claims that could be made against us should be limited, thereby lessening the likelihood that any claim would result in any liability extending to the trust. However, we cannot assure you that we will properly assess all claims that may be potentially brought against us. As such, holders of IPO Shares could potentially be liable for any claims to the extent of distributions received by them (but no more) and any liability of such holders may extend well beyond the third anniversary of the date of distribution. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that third parties will not seek to recover from such holders amounts owed to them by us.

If we are forced to file a bankruptcy case or an involuntary bankruptcy case is filed against us which is not dismissed, any distributions received by stockholders could be viewed under applicable debtor/creditor and/or bankruptcy laws as either a preferential transfer or a fraudulent conveyance. As a result, a bankruptcy court could seek to recover all amounts received by holders of IPO Shares. Furthermore, because we intend to distribute the proceeds held in the trust account to holders of IPO Shares promptly after October 22, 2009, this may be viewed or interpreted as giving preference to our public stockholders over any potential creditors with respect to access to or distributions from our assets. Furthermore, our board may be viewed as having breached their fiduciary duties to our creditors and/or may have acted in bad faith, and thereby exposing itself and our company to claims of punitive damages, by paying public stockholders from the trust account prior to addressing the claims of creditors. We cannot assure you that claims will not be brought against us for these reasons.

***An effective registration statement may not be in place when an investor desires to exercise warrants, thus precluding such investor from being able to exercise his, her or its warrants and causing such warrants to be practically worthless.***

No warrant held by public stockholders will be exercisable and we will not be obligated to issue shares of common stock unless at the time such holder seeks to exercise such warrant, a prospectus relating to the common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrant is current. Under the terms of the warrant agreement, we have agreed to use our best efforts to meet these conditions and to maintain a current prospectus relating to the common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants until the expiration of the warrants. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to do so, and if we do not maintain a current prospectus related to the common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants, holders will be unable to exercise their warrants and we will not be required to settle any such warrant exercise. If the prospectus relating to the common stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants is not current, the warrants held by public stockholders may have no value, the market for such warrants may be limited and such warrants may expire worthless. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the sponsors' warrants may be exercisable for unregistered shares of common stock even if the prospectus relating to the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants is not current.

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***An investor will only be able to exercise a warrant if the issuance of common stock upon such exercise has been registered or qualified or is deemed exempt under the securities laws of the state of residence of the holder of the warrants.***

No warrants will be exercisable and we will not be obligated to issue shares of common stock unless the common stock issuable upon such exercise has been registered or qualified or deemed to be exempt under the securities laws of the state of residence of the holder of the warrants. Because the exemptions from qualification in certain states for resales of warrants and for issuances of common stock by the issuer upon exercise of a warrant may be different, a warrant may be held by a holder in a state where an exemption is not available for issuance of common stock upon an exercise and the holder will be precluded from exercise of the warrant. At the time that the warrants become exercisable (following our completion of a business combination), we expect to continue to be listed on the American Stock Exchange or another national securities exchange, which would provide an exemption from registration in every state. Accordingly, we believe holders in every state will be able to exercise their warrants as long as our prospectus relating to the common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants is current. However, we cannot assure you of this fact. As a result, the warrants may be deprived of any value, the market for the warrants may be limited and the holders of warrants may not be able to exercise their warrants if the common stock issuable upon such exercise is not qualified or exempt from qualification in the jurisdictions in which the holders of the warrants reside.

***Because there are numerous companies with a business plan similar to ours seeking to effectuate a business combination, it may be more difficult for us to do so.***

There are numerous similarly structured blank check companies have completed initial public offerings in the United States with business plans similar to ours and there are a number of additional offerings for blank check companies that are still in the registration process but have not completed initial public offerings. While some of those companies must complete a business combination in specific industries, a number of them may consummate a business combination in any industry they choose. Therefore, we may be subject to competition from these and other companies seeking to consummate a business plan similar to ours. Because of this competition, we cannot assure you that we will be able to effectuate a business combination within the required time periods.

***Since we have not yet selected any target business with which to complete a business combination, you will be unable to currently ascertain the merits or risks of the business's operations.***

Because we have not yet identified a prospective target business, there is no current basis for you to evaluate the possible merits or risks of the target business which we may ultimately acquire. To the extent we complete a business combination with a financially unstable company or an entity in its development stage, we may be affected by numerous risks inherent in the business operations of such entities. Although our management will endeavor to evaluate the risks inherent in a particular target business, we cannot assure you that we will properly ascertain or assess all of the significant risk factors. Even if we properly assess those risks, some of them may be outside of our control or ability to affect. We also cannot assure you that an investment in our securities will not ultimately prove to be less favorable than a direct investment, if an opportunity were available, in a target business.

***We may issue shares of our common stock and preferred stock to complete a business combination, which would reduce the equity interest of our stockholders and likely cause a change in control of our ownership.***

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes the issuance of up to 160,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.0001 per share, and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.0001 per share. We currently have 17,000,000 authorized but unissued shares of our common stock available for issuance (after appropriate reservation for the issuance of shares upon full exercise of our outstanding warrants) and all of the 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock available for issuance. Although we currently have no commitments to issue

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our securities, we will, in all likelihood, issue a substantial number of additional shares of our common stock or preferred stock, or a combination of common and preferred stock, to complete a business combination. The issuance of additional shares of our common stock or any number of shares of our preferred stock:

may significantly reduce the equity interest of stockholders;

may subordinate the rights of holders of common stock if preferred stock is issued with rights senior to those afforded to our common stock;

may cause a change in control if a substantial number of our shares of common stock are issued, which may affect, among other things, our ability to use our net operating loss carry forwards, if any, and most likely also result in the resignation or removal of our present officers and directors;

may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control by diluting the stock ownership or voting rights of a person seeking to obtain control of our company; and

may adversely affect prevailing market prices for our common stock.

Similarly, if we issue debt securities, it could result in:

default and foreclosure on our assets if our operating revenues after a business combination were insufficient to pay our debt obligations;

acceleration of our obligations to repay the indebtedness even if we have made all principal and interest payments when due if the debt security contains covenants that require the maintenance of certain financial ratios or reserves and any such covenant is breached without a waiver or renegotiation of that covenant;

our immediate payment of all principal and accrued interest, if any, if the debt security is payable on demand; and

our inability to obtain additional financing, if necessary, if the debt security contains covenants restricting our ability to obtain additional financing while such security is outstanding.

***Resources could be wasted in researching acquisitions that are not consummated, which could materially adversely affect subsequent attempts to locate and acquire or merge with another business.***

It is anticipated that the investigation of each specific target business and the negotiation, drafting, and execution of relevant agreements, disclosure documents, and other instruments will require substantial management time and attention and substantial costs for accountants, attorneys and others. If a decision is made not to complete a specific business combination, the costs incurred up to that point for the proposed transaction likely would not be recoverable. Furthermore, even if an agreement is reached relating to a specific target business, we may fail to consummate the business combination for any number of reasons including those beyond our control such as that holders of 30% or more of the IPO Shares vote against the business combination and opt to have us convert their stock for a pro rata share of the trust account even if a majority of our stockholders approve the business combination. Any such event will result in a loss to us of the related costs incurred which could materially adversely affect subsequent attempts to locate and acquire or merge with another business.

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*Our ability to successfully effect a business combination and to be successful thereafter will be totally dependent upon the efforts of our key personnel, some of whom may join us following a business combination.*

Our ability to successfully effect a business combination is dependent upon the efforts of our key personnel, including Mr. Ledecy and Mr. Watson. We believe that our success depends on the continued service of Mr. Ledecy and Mr. Watson, at least until we have consummated a business combination. We cannot assure you that such individuals will remain with us for the immediate or foreseeable future. In addition, neither

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Mr. Ledecky nor Mr. Watson are required to commit any specified amount of time to our affairs and, accordingly, they will have conflicts of interest in allocating management time among various business activities, including identifying potential business combinations and monitoring the related due diligence. We do not have employment agreements with, or key-man insurance on the life of, either of these individuals. The unexpected loss of the services of either of these individuals could have a detrimental effect on us.

The role of our key personnel in the target business cannot presently be ascertained. Although some of our key personnel may remain with the target business in senior management or advisory positions following a business combination, it is likely that some or all of the management of the target business will remain in place. While we intend to closely scrutinize any individuals we engage after a business combination, we cannot assure you that our assessment of these individuals will prove to be correct. These individuals may be unfamiliar with the requirements of operating a public company which could cause us to have to expend time and resources helping them become familiar with such requirements. This could be expensive and time-consuming and could lead to various regulatory issues which may adversely affect our operations.

***Our key personnel may negotiate employment or consulting agreements with a target business in connection with a particular business combination. These agreements may provide for them to receive compensation following a business combination and as a result, may cause them to have conflicts of interest in determining whether a particular business combination is the most advantageous.***

Our key personnel will be able to remain with the company after the consummation of a business combination only if they are able to negotiate employment or consulting agreements in connection with the business combination. Such negotiations would take place simultaneously with the negotiation of the business combination and could provide for such individuals to receive compensation in the form of cash payments and/or our securities for services they would render to the company after the consummation of the business combination. The personal and financial interests of such individuals may influence their motivation in identifying and selecting a target business.

***Our officers and directors allocate their time to other businesses thereby causing conflicts of interest in their determination as to how much time to devote to our affairs. This could have a negative impact on our ability to consummate a business combination.***

Our officers and directors are not required to commit their full time to our affairs, which may result in a conflict of interest in allocating their time between our operations and other businesses. We do not intend to have any full time employees prior to the consummation of a business combination. All of our executive officers are engaged in several other business endeavors and are not obligated to contribute any specific number of hours to our affairs. If our executive officers' other business affairs require them to devote more substantial amounts of time to such affairs, it could limit their ability to devote time to our affairs and could have a negative impact on our ability to consummate a business combination.

***Our officers and directors are now and may in the future become affiliated with entities engaged in business activities similar to those conducted by us and accordingly, may have conflicts of interest in determining to which entity a particular business opportunity should be presented.***

Our officers and directors are now and may in the future become affiliated with entities, including other "blank check" companies, engaged in business activities similar to those intended to be conducted by us. Additionally, our officers and directors may become aware of business opportunities which may be appropriate for presentation to us and the other entities to which they owe fiduciary duties. Accordingly, they may have conflicts of interest in determining to which entity a particular business opportunity should be presented. We cannot assure you that these conflicts will be resolved in our favor.



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***All of our officers and directors own Founder Shares and some of them own sponsors' warrants. These shares and warrants will not participate in liquidation distributions and, therefore, our officers and directors may have a conflict of interest in determining whether a particular target business is appropriate for a business combination.***

All of our officers and directors own Founder Shares and some of them own sponsors' warrants. Such individuals have waived their right to receive distributions with respect to the founders' common stock upon our liquidation if we are unable to consummate a business combination. Accordingly, the founder shares, as well as the sponsors' warrants, and any warrants purchased by our officers or directors in the aftermarket will be worthless if we do not consummate a business combination. The personal and financial interests of our directors and officers may influence their motivation in timely identifying and selecting a target business and completing a business combination. Consequently, our directors' and officers' discretion in identifying and selecting a suitable target business may result in a conflict of interest when determining whether the terms, conditions and timing of a particular business combination are appropriate and in our stockholders' best interest.

***The American Stock Exchange may delist our securities from quotation on its exchange which could limit investors' ability to make transactions in our securities and subject us to additional trading restrictions.***

Our securities are listed on the American Stock Exchange, a national securities exchange. We cannot assure you that our securities will continue to be listed on the American Stock Exchange in the future prior to a business combination. Additionally, in connection with our business combination, it is likely that the American Stock Exchange may require us to file a new initial listing application and meet its initial listing requirements as opposed to its more lenient continued listing requirements. We cannot assure you that we will be able to meet those initial listing requirements at that time.

If the American Stock Exchange delists our securities from trading on its exchange, we could face significant material adverse consequences, including:

a limited availability of market quotations for our securities;

a determination that our common stock is a penny stock which will require brokers trading in our common stock to adhere to more stringent rules, possibly resulting in a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for our common stock;

a limited amount of news and analyst coverage for our company; and

a decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future.

***After our business combination, we will be solely dependent on a single business and a limited number of products or services.***

Our business combination must be with a business having a fair market value of at least 80% of the balance in the trust account (excluding amounts payable for deferred underwriting discounts and commissions) at the time of such acquisition, although this may entail the simultaneous acquisitions of several operating businesses at the same time. By consummating a business combination with only a single entity, our lack of diversification may subject us to numerous economic, competitive and regulatory developments. Further, we would not be able to diversify our operations or benefit from the possible spreading of risks or offsetting of losses, unlike other entities which may have the resources to complete several business combinations in different industries or different areas of a single industry. Accordingly, the prospects for our success may be:

solely dependent upon the performance of a single business; or

dependent upon the development or market acceptance of a single or limited number of products, processes or services.



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Alternatively, if our business combination entails the simultaneous acquisitions of several operating businesses at the same time from different sellers, we would face additional risks, including difficulties and expenses incurred in connection with the subsequent assimilation of the operations and services or products of the acquired companies into a single operating business. If we are unable to adequately address these risks, it could negatively impact our profitability and results of operations.

***The ability of our stockholders to exercise their conversion rights may not allow us to effectuate the most desirable business combination or optimize our capital structure.***

When we seek stockholder approval of any business combination, we will offer each public stockholder the right to have his, her or its shares of common stock converted to cash if the stockholder votes against the business combination and the business combination is approved and completed. Such holder must both vote against such business combination and then exercise his, her or its conversion rights to receive a pro rata portion of the trust account. Accordingly, if our business combination requires us to use substantially all of our cash to pay the purchase price, because we will not know how many stockholders may exercise such conversion rights, we may either need to reserve part of the trust account for possible payment upon such conversion, or we may need to arrange third party financing to help fund our business combination in case a larger percentage of stockholders exercise their conversion rights than we expect. Therefore, we may not be able to consummate a business combination that requires us to use all of the funds held in the trust account as part of the purchase price, or we may end up having a leverage ratio that is not optimal for our business combination. This may limit our ability to effectuate the most attractive business combination available to us.

***We may require stockholders who wish to convert their shares in connection with a proposed business combination to comply with specific requirements for conversion that may make it more difficult for them to exercise their conversion rights prior to the deadline for exercising their rights.***

We may require public stockholders who wish to convert their shares in connection with a proposed business combination to either tender their certificates to our transfer agent at any time prior to the vote taken at the stockholder meeting relating to such initial business combination or to deliver their shares to the transfer agent electronically using the Depository Trust Company's DWAC (Deposit/Withdrawal At Custodian) System. In order to obtain a physical stock certificate, a stockholder's broker and/or clearing broker, DTC and our transfer agent will need to act to facilitate this request. It is our understanding that stockholders should generally allot at least two weeks to obtain physical certificates from the transfer agent. However, because we do not have any control over this process or over the brokers or DTC, it may take significantly longer than two weeks to obtain a physical stock certificate. While we have been advised that it takes a short time to deliver shares through the DWAC System, we cannot assure you of this fact. Accordingly, if it takes longer than we anticipate for stockholders to deliver their shares, stockholders who wish to convert may be unable to meet the deadline for exercising their conversion rights and thus may be unable to convert their shares.

***We may proceed with an initial business combination even if public stockholders owning 16,559,999 of the IPO Shares exercise their conversion rights.***

We may proceed with an initial business combination as long as public stockholders owning less than 30% of the IPO Shares exercise their conversion rights. Accordingly, public stockholders holding up to 16,559,999 of the IPO Shares may exercise their conversion rights and we could still consummate a proposed business combination. We have set the conversion percentage at 30% in order to reduce the likelihood that a small group of investors holding a block of our stock will be able to stop us from completing an initial business combination that is otherwise approved by a large majority of our public stockholders. However, this may have the effect of making it easier for us to gain approval of an initial business combination over a strong shareholder dissent.

Our business combination may require us to use substantially all of our cash to pay the purchase price. In such a case, because we will not know how many stockholders may exercise such conversion rights, we may need to arrange third party financing to help fund our business combination in case a larger percentage of

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stockholders exercise their conversion rights than we expect. Additionally, even if our business combination does not require us to use substantially all of our cash to pay the purchase price, if a significant number of stockholders exercise their conversion rights, we will have less cash available to use in furthering our business plans following an initial business combination and may need to arrange third party financing. We have not taken any steps to secure third party financing for either situation. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such third party financing on terms favorable to us or at all.

### ***Because of our limited resources and structure, we may not be able to consummate a business combination with growth potential.***

We expect to encounter intense competition from other entities having a business objective similar to ours, including venture capital funds, leveraged buyout funds and operating businesses competing for acquisitions. Many of these entities are well established and have extensive experience in identifying and effecting business combinations directly or through affiliates. Many of these competitors possess greater technical, human and other resources than we do and our financial resources will be relatively limited when contrasted with those of many of these competitors. While we believe that there are numerous potential target businesses that we could acquire, our ability to compete in acquiring certain sizable target businesses will be limited by our available financial resources. This inherent competitive limitation gives others an advantage in pursuing the acquisition of certain target businesses. Further, the obligation we have to seek stockholder approval of a business combination may delay the consummation of a transaction, and our obligation to convert into cash the shares of common stock held by public stockholders in certain instances may reduce the resources available for a business combination. Additionally, our outstanding warrants, and the future dilution they potentially represent, may not be viewed favorably by certain target businesses. Any of these obligations may place us at a competitive disadvantage in successfully negotiating a business combination. Additionally, because of our structure, there may be fewer attractive target businesses available to acquire or privately held target businesses may not be inclined to enter into a transaction with a publicly held blank check companies like us.

### ***We may be unable to obtain additional financing, if required, to complete a business combination or to fund the operations and growth of the target business, which could compel us to restructure the transaction or abandon a particular business combination.***

Although we believe our current assets will be sufficient to allow us to consummate a business combination, in as much as we have not yet identified any prospective target business, we cannot ascertain the capital requirements for any particular transaction. If we require further funds, either because of the size of the business combination or the depletion of our available cash in search of a target business, or because we become obligated to convert into cash a significant number of shares from dissenting stockholders, we will be required to seek additional financing. We cannot assure you that such financing would be available on acceptable terms, if at all. To the extent that additional financing proves to be unavailable when needed to consummate a particular business combination, we would be compelled to restructure the transaction or abandon that particular business combination and seek an alternative target business candidate. In addition, if we consummate a business combination, we may require additional financing to fund the operations or growth of the target business. The failure to secure additional financing could have a material adverse effect on the continued development or growth of the target business. None of our officers, directors or stockholders is required to provide any financing to us in connection with or after a business combination.

### ***Our Founders, including our officers and directors, control a substantial interest in us and thus may influence certain actions requiring stockholder vote.***

Our Founders (including all of our officers and directors) collectively own 20% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock. None of our Founders or their affiliates has indicated any intention to purchase additional units or shares of common stock from persons in the aftermarket or in private transactions. Additional purchases of shares of common stock by such individuals would likely allow them to exert additional

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influence over the approval of our initial business combination. The factors that would be considered in making such additional purchases would include consideration of the current trading price of our common stock. Another factor that would be taken into consideration would be that any such additional purchases would likely increase the chances that our initial business combination would be approved.

Our board of directors is divided into three classes, each of which will generally serve for a term of three years with only one class of directors being elected in each year. It is unlikely that there will be an annual meeting of stockholders to elect new directors prior to the consummation of a business combination, in which case all of the current directors will continue in office at least until the consummation of the business combination. If there is an annual meeting, as a consequence of our staggered board of directors, only a minority of the board of directors will be considered for election and our existing stockholders, because of their ownership position, will have considerable influence regarding the outcome. Accordingly, our existing stockholders will continue to exert control at least until the consummation of a business combination.

***Our outstanding warrants may have an adverse effect on the market price of common stock and make it more difficult to effect a business combination.***

We currently have outstanding warrants to purchase 74,000,000 shares of common stock. To the extent we issue shares of common stock to effect a business combination, the potential for the issuance of substantial numbers of additional shares upon exercise of these warrants could make us a less attractive acquisition vehicle in the eyes of a target business as such securities, when exercised, will increase the number of issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and reduce the value of the shares issued to complete the business combination. Accordingly, our warrants may make it more difficult to effectuate a business combination or increase the cost of the target business. Additionally, the sale, or even the possibility of sale, of the shares underlying the warrants could have an adverse effect on the market price for our securities or on our ability to obtain future public financing. If and to the extent these warrants are exercised, you may experience dilution to your holdings.

***If our Founders exercise their registration rights, it may have an adverse effect on the market price our common stock and the existence of these rights may make it more difficult to effect a business combination.***

Our Founders are entitled to demand that we register the resale of their shares of common stock at any time commencing three months prior to the date on which the shares of common stock are to be released from escrow. If our Founders exercise their registration rights with respect to all of their shares of common stock, then there will be an additional 13,800,000 shares of common stock and 18,800,000 warrants (as well as 18,800,000 shares of common stock underlying the warrants) eligible for trading in the public market. The presence of these additional securities eligible for trading in the public market may have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock. In addition, the existence of these rights may make it more difficult to effectuate a business combination or increase the cost of the target business, as the stockholders of the target business may be discouraged from entering into a business combination with us or will request a higher price for their securities as a result of these registration rights and the potential future effect their exercise may have on the trading market for our common stock.

***Our management's ability to require holders of our warrants to exercise such warrants on a cashless basis will cause holders to receive fewer shares of common stock upon their exercise of the warrants than they would have received had they been able to exercise their warrants for cash.***

If we call our warrants for redemption after the redemption criteria described elsewhere in this prospectus have been satisfied, our management will have the option to require any holder that wishes to exercise his warrant to do so on a cashless basis. In such event, each holder would pay the exercise price by surrendering the warrants for that number of shares of common stock equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (x) the product of the number of shares of common stock underlying the warrants, multiplied by the difference between

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the exercise price of the warrants and the fair market value and (y) the fair market value. The fair market value shall mean the average reported last sales price of our common stock for the 10 trading days ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which notice of redemption is sent to the holders of the warrants. If our management chooses to require holders to exercise their warrants on a cashless basis, the number of shares of common stock received by a holder upon exercise will be fewer than it would have been had such holder exercised his warrant for cash. This will have the effect of reducing the potential upside of the holder's investment in our company.

***If we are deemed to be an investment company, we may be required to institute burdensome compliance requirements and our activities may be restricted, which may make it difficult for us to complete a business combination.***

A company that, among other things, is or holds itself out as being engaged primarily, or proposes to engage primarily, in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, trading or holding certain types of securities would be deemed an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Since we will invest the proceeds held in the trust account, it is possible that we could be deemed an investment company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we do not believe that our anticipated principal activities will subject us to the Investment Company Act of 1940. To this end, the proceeds held in trust may be invested by the trustee only in United States government securities within the meaning of Section 2(a)(16) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 having a maturity of 180 days or less or in money market funds meeting certain conditions under Rule 2a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940. By restricting the investment of the proceeds to these instruments, we intend to meet the requirements for the exemption provided in Rule 3a-1 promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

If we are nevertheless deemed to be an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, we may be subject to certain restrictions that may make it more difficult for us to complete a business combination, including:

restrictions on the nature of our investments; and

restrictions on the issuance of securities.

In addition, we may have imposed upon us burdensome requirements, including:

registration as an investment company;

adoption of a specific form of corporate structure; and

reporting, record keeping, voting, proxy and disclosure requirements and other rules and regulations.

Compliance with these additional regulatory burdens would require additional expense that we have not allotted for.

***If we effect a business combination with a company located outside of the United States, we would be subject to a variety of additional risks that may negatively impact our operations.***

We may effect a business combination with a company located outside of the United States. If we did, we would be subject to any special considerations or risks associated with companies operating in the target business home jurisdiction, including any of the following:

rules and regulations or currency conversion or corporate withholding taxes on individuals;

tariffs and trade barriers;

regulations related to customs and import/export matters;

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longer payment cycles;

tax issues, such as tax law changes and variations in tax laws as compared to the United States;

currency fluctuations;

challenges in collecting accounts receivable;

cultural and language differences; and

employment regulations.

We cannot assure you that we would be able to adequately address these additional risks. If we were unable to do so, our operations might suffer.

***If we effect a business combination with a company located outside of the United States, the laws applicable to such company will likely govern all of our material agreements and we may not be able to enforce our legal rights.***

If we effect a business combination with a company located outside of the United States, the laws of the country in which such company operates will govern almost all of the material agreements relating to its operations. We cannot assure you that the target business will be able to enforce any of its material agreements or that remedies will be available in this new jurisdiction. The system of laws and the enforcement of existing laws in such jurisdiction may not be as certain in implementation and interpretation as in the United States. The inability to enforce or obtain a remedy under any of our future agreements could result in a significant loss of business, business opportunities or capital. Additionally, if we acquire a company located outside of the United States, it is likely that substantially all of our assets would be located outside of the United States and some of our officers and directors might reside outside of the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for investors in the United States to enforce their legal rights, to effect service of process upon our directors or officers or to enforce judgments of United States courts predicated upon civil liabilities and criminal penalties of our directors and officers under Federal securities laws.

***Because we must furnish our stockholders with target business financial statements, we may not be able to complete a business combination with some prospective target businesses.***

We will provide stockholders with audited financial statements of the prospective target business as part of the proxy solicitation materials sent to stockholders to assist them in assessing the target business. In all likelihood, these financial statements will need to be prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles. We cannot assure you that any particular target business identified by us as a potential acquisition candidate will have financial statements prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles or that the potential target business will be able to prepare its financial statements in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent that this requirement cannot be met, we may not be able to acquire the proposed target business. These financial statement requirements may limit the pool of potential target businesses with which we may combine.

***Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 will require substantial financial and management resources and may increase the time and costs of completing an acquisition.***

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires that we evaluate and report on our system of internal controls and requires that we have such system of internal controls audited beginning with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2008. If we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal controls, we could be subject to regulatory scrutiny, civil or criminal penalties and/or stockholder litigation. Any inability to provide reliable financial reports could harm our business. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act also requires that our independent registered public accounting firm report on management's evaluation of our



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system of internal controls. A target company may not be in compliance with the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act regarding adequacy of their internal controls. The development of the internal controls of any such entity to achieve compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act may increase the time and costs necessary to complete any such acquisition. Furthermore, any failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in the implementation of adequate controls over our financial processes and reporting in the future, could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations. Inferior internal controls could also cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, which could have a negative effect on the trading price of our stock.

### **Risks Related to the Financial Services Industry**

Business combinations with companies with operations in the financial services industry entail special considerations and risks. If we are successful in completing a business combination with a target business with operations in the financial services industry, we will be subject to, and possibly adversely affected by, the following risks:

***The financial services industry faces substantial regulatory and litigation risks and conflicts of interest, and, after the consummation of a business combination with a company in the financial services industry, we may face legal liability and reduced revenues and profitability if our services are not regarded as compliant or for other reasons.***

The financial services industry is subject to extensive regulation. Many regulators, including U.S. and other government agencies and self-regulatory organizations, as well as state securities commissions, insurance regulators and attorneys general, are empowered to conduct administrative proceedings and investigations that can result in, among other things, censure, fine, the issuance of cease-and-desist orders, prohibitions against engaging in some lines of business, suspension or termination of licenses or the suspension or expulsion of a broker-dealer, investment adviser or insurance distributor. The requirements imposed by regulators are designed to ensure the integrity of the financial markets and to protect customers, policyholders and other third parties who deal with financial services firms and are not designed to protect our stockholders. Regulations and investigations may result in limitations on our activities, such as the restrictions imposed on several leading securities firms as part of a settlement these firms reached with federal and state securities regulators and self-regulatory organizations in 2003 to resolve investigations into equity research analysts' alleged conflicts of interest.

Banks domiciled or operating in the United States and their holding companies are subject to extensive regulation and supervision by applicable federal and state banking agencies. Many of these regulations are intended to protect parties other than stockholders, such as depositors. If we were to acquire a bank, these regulations may limit our operations significantly and control the methods by which we conduct our business, including our lending practices, capital structure, investment practices and dividend policy. In addition, banks and their holding companies generally are subject to rigorous capital requirements and may be examined on a regular basis for their general safety and soundness and compliance with various federal and state legal regimes, including, but not limited to, the Community Reinvestment Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Real Estate Settlement and Procedures Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by the USA PATRIOT Act. Failure to comply with these requirements or receive a satisfactory examination may subject a bank to informal or formal agreements, such as a memorandum of understanding, deferred prosecution agreement or cease-and-desist order, and may also result in the assessment of civil monetary penalties or the limitation of expansionary activities at both the bank and holding company levels. Outside the United States, banks and their stockholders are subject to similar extensive regulation and supervision relating to the conduct of business, capital requirements, safety and soundness and compliance.

Governmental and self-regulatory organizations, the Investment Dealers Association and the Mutual Fund Dealers Association, the SEC, the FINRA and national securities exchanges such as the American Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange, impose and enforce regulations on broker-dealers, investment banking firms, investment advisers and similar financial services companies. Self-regulatory organizations adopt

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rules, subject to approval by the SEC, that govern aspects of the financial services industry and conduct periodic examinations of the operations of registered investment dealers, broker-dealers and investment advisers. For example, U.S. broker-dealers are subject to rules and regulations that cover all aspects of the securities business including: sales methods and trade practices; use and safekeeping of customer funds and securities; capital structures; recordkeeping; the preparation of research; the extension of credit; and the conduct of officers and employees. The types of regulations to which investment advisers are subject are also extensive and include: minimum capital requirements, recordkeeping; fee arrangements; client disclosure; custody of customer assets; and the conduct of officers and employees. Investment advisors and broker-dealers outside the United States are often subject to similar regulation and supervision.

The SEC, the FINRA and various regulatory agencies also have stringent rules with respect to the maintenance of specific levels of net capital by securities brokerage firms. Failure to maintain the required net capital may subject a firm to suspension or revocation of registration by the SEC and suspension or expulsion from Investment Dealers Association and FINRA and other regulatory bodies, which ultimately could prevent any broker-dealers that we acquire or acquire control of from performing as a broker-dealer. In addition, a change in the net capital rules, the imposition of new rules or any unusually large charge against net capital could limit the operations of broker-dealers, which could harm our business if we were to consummate a business combination with a securities brokerage firm. Similar capital requirements apply to insurance companies. For example, in the United States, under laws adopted by individual states, insurers engaged in certain lines of business are subject to risk based capital requirements. Insurers having less total adjusted capital than that required under the risk based capital laws are subject to varying degrees of regulatory action, depending on the level of capital inadequacy. Maintaining appropriate levels of statutory surplus is also considered important by state insurance regulatory authorities. Failure by an insurance company to maintain certain levels of statutory surplus could result in increased regulatory scrutiny and enforcement.

In addition, insurance companies are subject to extensive regulation and supervision in the jurisdictions in which they do business. For example, in the United States, state insurance departments have broad powers with respect to such things as: licensing companies to transact business; authorizing lines of business; imposing dividend limitations; licensing agents and distributors of insurance products; restricting companies ability to enter and exit markets; mandating certain insurance benefits; restricting companies ability to terminate or cancel coverage; requiring companies to provide certain types of coverage; regulating premium rates, including the ability to increase premium rates; approving policy forms; regulating trade, marketing, sales and claims practices; imposing privacy requirements; establishing reserve requirements and solvency standards; restricting certain transactions between affiliates; and regulating the type, amounts and valuation of investments.

In recent years, the volume of claims and amount of damages claimed in litigation and regulatory proceedings against financial services firms has been increasing. After our initial business combination, our engagement agreements or arrangements may include provisions designed to limit our exposure to legal claims relating to our services, but these provisions may not protect us or may not be adhered to in all cases. We may also be subject to claims arising from disputes with employees for alleged discrimination or harassment, among other things. The risk of significant legal liability is often difficult to assess or quantify and its existence and magnitude often remain unknown for substantial periods of time. As a result, we may incur significant legal expenses in defending against litigation. Substantial legal liability or significant regulatory action against us could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations or cause significant reputational harm to us, which could seriously harm our business.

Financial services firms are subject to numerous conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest. We will need to adopt various policies, controls and procedures to address or limit actual or perceived conflicts and regularly seek to review and update our policies, controls and procedures. However, these policies, controls and procedures may result in increased costs, additional operational personnel and increased regulatory risk. Failure to adhere to these policies and procedures may result in regulatory sanctions or client litigation. There have been a number of highly publicized cases involving fraud or other misconduct by employees in the financial services

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industry in recent years, and we run the risk that employee misconduct could occur. It is not always possible to deter or prevent employee misconduct and the precautions we take to prevent and detect this activity may not be effective in all cases.

*After the consummation of our initial business combination, we will face strong competition from financial services firms, many of whom have the ability to offer clients a wider range of products and services than we may be able to offer, which could lead to pricing pressures that could materially adversely affect our revenue and profitability.*

After consummation of our initial business combination in the financial services industry, we will compete with other firms both domestic and foreign on a number of factors, including the quality of our employees, transaction execution, our products and services, innovation, reputation and price. We may fail to attract new business and we may lose clients if, among other reasons, we are not able to compete effectively. We will also face significant competition as result of a recent trend toward consolidation in this industry. In the past several years, there has been substantial consolidation and convergence among companies in the financial services industry. In particular, since the passage of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act in 1999, which reduced barriers to banks providing a wide range of financial services, a number of large commercial banks, insurance companies and other broad-based financial services firms have established or acquired broker-dealers or have merged with other financial institutions. Many of these firms have the ability to offer a wide range of products such as loans, deposit-taking and insurance, brokerage, investment management and investment banking services, which may enhance their competitive position. They also have the ability to support investment banking with commercial banking, insurance and other financial services revenue in an effort to gain market share, which could result in pricing pressure on other businesses. We believe, in light of increasing industry consolidation and the regulatory overhaul of the financial services industry, that competition will continue to increase from providers of financial services products.

*The financial services industry has inherent risks, which may affect our net income and revenues.*

The financial services business is, by its nature, subject to numerous and substantial risks, including volatile trading markets and fluctuations in the volume of market activity. Consequently, our net income and revenues are likely to be subject to wide fluctuations, reflecting the effects of many factors, including:

general economic conditions;

securities market conditions;

the level and volatility of interest rates and equity prices;

competitive conditions;

liquidity of global markets;

international and regional political conditions;

regulatory and legislative developments;

monetary and fiscal policy;

investor sentiment;

availability and cost of capital;

technological changes and events;

outcome of legal proceedings;

changes in currency values;

inflation;

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credit ratings; and

the size, volume and timing of transactions.

These and other factors could affect the stability and liquidity of securities and futures markets, and the ability of issuers, other securities firms and counterparties to perform their obligations.

A reduced volume of securities and futures transactions and reduced market liquidity generally results in lower revenues from principal transactions and commissions. Lower price levels for securities may result in a reduced volume of transactions and may also result in losses from declines in the market value of securities held in proprietary trading and underwriting accounts, particularly in volatile or illiquid markets, or in markets influenced by sustained periods of low or negative economic growth, including the risk of losses resulting from the ownership of securities, trading and the failure of counterparties to meet commitments. In particular, if we consummate a business combination with an investment management firm, our business could be expected to generate lower revenue in a market or general economic downturn. Under a typical arrangement for an investment management business, the investment advisory fees we could receive would be based on the market value of the assets under management. Accordingly, a decline in the prices of securities would be expected to cause our revenue and income to decline by:

causing the value of the assets under management to decrease, which would result in lower investment advisory fees;

causing negative absolute performance returns for some accounts which have performance-based incentive fees, resulting in a reduction of revenue from such fees; or

causing some of our clients to withdraw funds from our investment management business in favor of investments they perceive as offering greater opportunity and lower risk, which also would result in lower investment advisory fees.

***Operational risks may disrupt our business, result in regulatory action against us or limit our growth.***

Financial services businesses are dependent on communications and information systems, including those of vendors. Any failure or interruption of these systems, whether caused by fire, other natural disaster, power or telecommunications failure, act of terrorism or war or otherwise, could materially adversely affect operating results. After the consummation of a business combination, we will need to continue to make investments in new and enhanced information systems. Interruption or loss of our information processing capabilities or adverse consequences from implementing new or enhanced systems could have a material adverse effect on our business and the price of our common stock and warrants. As our information system providers revise and upgrade their hardware, software and equipment technology, we may encounter difficulties in integrating these new technologies into our business. Additionally, our systems may be subject to infiltration by unauthorized persons. If our systems or facilities were infiltrated and damaged by unauthorized persons, our clients could experience data loss, financial loss and significant business interruption. If that were to occur, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Many financial services firms face credit risks which, if not properly managed, could cause revenues and net income to decrease.***

Many types of financial services firms, including banks and broker-dealers, lend funds to their customers. Among the risks all lenders face is the risk that some of their borrowers will not repay their loans. The ability of borrowers to repay their obligations may be adversely affected by factors beyond our control, including local and general economic and market conditions. A substantial portion of the loans may be secured by liens on real estate or securities. These same factors may adversely affect the value of real estate and securities as collateral. If we enter into a business combination with a firm that makes loans, we would maintain an allowance for loan losses to reflect the level of losses determined by management to be inherent in the loan portfolio. However, the level of

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the allowance and the amount of the provisions would only be estimates based on management's judgment and regulatory guidance, and actual losses incurred could materially exceed the amount of the allowance or require substantial additional provisions to the allowance, either of which would likely have a material adverse effect on our revenues and net income.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None

**ITEM 2. PROPERTY**

We maintain our executive offices at 970 West Broadway, PMB 402, Jackson, Wyoming 83001. We consider our current office space adequate for our current operations.

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

None.

**ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

None.

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Our units, common stock and warrants are listed on the American Stock Exchange under the symbols TCW.U, TCW and TCW.WS, respectively. The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales prices for the units, common stock and warrants for the periods indicated since the units commenced public trading on October 23, 2007, and since the common stock and warrants commenced public trading on October 31, 2007.

	<b>Units</b>		<b>Common Stock</b>		<b>Warrants</b>	
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>2008:</b>						
First Quarter*	10.20	9.82	9.20	9.02	1.09	0.58
<b>2007:</b>						
Fourth Quarter (commencing October 2007)	10.19	9.85	9.14	8.90	1.20	1.00

\* Through March 25, 2008

**Holders**

As of March 25, 2008, there was one holder of record of our units, 13 holders of record of our common stock and 14 holders of record of our warrants.

**Dividends**

We have not paid any cash dividends on our common stock to date and do not intend to pay cash dividends prior to the completion of a business combination. The payment of cash dividends in the future will be contingent upon our revenues and earnings, if any, capital requirements and general financial condition subsequent to completion of a business combination. The payment of any dividends subsequent to a business combination will be within the discretion of our then board of directors. It is the present intention of our board of directors to retain all earnings, if any, for use in our business operations and, accordingly, our board does not anticipate declaring any dividends in the foreseeable future.

**Table of Contents****Stock Price Performance Graph**

The graph below compares the cumulative total return of our common stock from October 31, 2007 through December 31, 2007 with the cumulative total return of companies comprising the Amex Composite Index (formerly the Amex Market Value Index) and the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index. The graph plots the growth in value of an initial investment of \$100 in each of our common stock, the Amex Composite Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index over the indicated time periods, and assuming reinvestment of all dividends, if any, paid on our the securities. We have not paid any cash dividends and, therefore, the cumulative total return calculation for us is based solely upon stock price appreciation and not upon reinvestment of cash dividends. The stock price performance shown on the graph is not necessarily indicative of future price performance.

**Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities and Use of Proceeds**

In June 2007, we issued 13,800,000 founder's units (after giving retroactive effect to reflect the stock dividends as described below) to the individuals set forth below for \$25,000 in cash, at a purchase price of \$0.002 unit, as follows:

<b>Stockholders</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>
Summit Trust	6,630,000
Jonathan J. Ledecky	6,030,000
Hat Tricks LLC	600,000
Kerry Kennedy	60,000
Robert B. Hersov	60,000
Edward J. Mathias	60,000
Richard Y. Roberts	60,000
Jimmie Lee Solomon, Jr.	60,000
Jay H. Nussbaum	60,000
Jim Gray	60,000
Richard A. Stein	60,000
Edward Hanson	60,000



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On September 19, 2007, our board of directors authorized a dividend to our founding stockholders of one warrant to purchase one share of common stock for each outstanding share of common stock. On September 21, 2007, Mr. Hanson transferred his shares of common stock to Coronet Group Limited, entity he controls, at their initial price of approximately \$0.002 per share. On October 22, 2007, our board of directors authorized a dividend to our founding stockholders of 0.2 units, each unit consisting of one share of common stock and one warrant to purchase one share of common stock, for each outstanding unit. Such securities were issued in connection with our organization pursuant to the exemption from registration contained in Section 4(2) of the Securities Act as they were sold to accredited individuals or entities.

### Initial Public Offering

On October 25, 2007, we closed our IPO of 55,200,000 units, including 7,200,000 units subject to the underwriters' over-allotment option, with each unit consisting of one share of our common stock and one warrant, each to purchase one share of our common stock at an exercise price of \$7.50 per share. The units from the IPO (including the over-allotment option) were sold at an offering price of \$10.00 per unit, generating total gross proceeds of \$552,000,000. Citigroup Global Markets Inc. acted as lead manager for the IPO and Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. and Broadband Capital Management LLC acted as co-manager for the IPO. The securities sold in the offering were registered under the Securities Act of 1933 on a registration statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-146850). The Securities and Exchange Commission declared the registration statement effective on October 22, 2007.

We paid a total of \$19,320,000 in underwriting discounts and commissions and \$838,849 for other costs and expenses related to the offering and the over-allotment option. After deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and the offering expenses, \$536,930,000 was deposited into the trust account. The net proceeds deposited into the trust account remain on deposit in the trust account and have earned \$3,569,977 in interest through December 31, 2007. We have used \$94,181 of the aggregate up to \$6,000,000 that may be released to us from interest earned on the proceeds in the trust account.

### ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected financial data set forth below is derived from our audited financial statements. This selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the section under the caption "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K:

	For the Period from June 8, 2007 (inception) through December 31, 2007
Total Revenues	\$
Loss from operations	(180,350)
Interest income	3,573,186
Net income	1,824,397
Earnings per share basic and diluted	0.07
Weighted average shares outstanding	26,554,952
Working capital	1,793,077
Total assets	540,426,916
Stockholders' equity	377,644,087

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### **ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the information contained in our audited Financial Statements and footnotes thereto contained in this report.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this Form 10-K including, without limitation, statements under Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation regarding our financial position, business strategy and the plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward looking statements. When used in this Form 10-K, words such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend and similar expressions, as they relate to us or our management, identify forward looking statements. Such forward looking statements are based on the beliefs of management, as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, our management. Actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward looking statements as a result of certain factors detailed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All subsequent written or oral forward looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are qualified in their entirety by this paragraph.

#### **Overview**

We were formed on June 8, 2007, to serve as a vehicle to effect a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition stock purchase, reorganization or other similar business combination with one or more operating business in the financial services industry. We intend to utilize cash derived from the proceeds of our recently completed public offering, our capital stock, debt or a combination of cash, capital stock and debt, in effecting a business combination.

#### **Results of Operations**

For the period from June 8, 2007 (inception) through December 31, 2007 we had net income of \$1,824,397 consisting of \$3,573,186 of interest income offset by \$180,350 of general, selling and administrative expenses and \$1,568,439 of provisions for income tax.

#### **Financial Condition and Liquidity**

We consummated our initial public offering of 55,200,000 units, including 7,200,000 units subject to the underwriters' over-allotment option, on October 25, 2007. Gross proceeds from our initial public offering were \$552,000,000. As of December 31, 2007, we paid a total of \$19,320,000 in underwriting discounts and commissions and \$838,849 for other costs and expenses related to the offering and the over-allotment option. After deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and the offering expenses, an amount of \$536,930,000 was deposited into the trust account. We intend to use substantially all of the net proceeds of this offering to acquire a target business, including identifying and evaluating prospective acquisition candidates, selecting the target business, and structuring, negotiating and consummating the business combination. To the extent that our capital stock is used in whole or in part as consideration to effect a business combination, the proceeds held in the trust account as well as any other net proceeds not expended will be used to finance the operations of the target business. We believe we will have sufficient available funds outside of the trust account to operate through October 22, 2009, assuming that a business combination is not consummated during that time.

We had working capital of \$1,793,077. From the date of consummation of our initial public offering, until such time as we effectuate a business combination, we may draw for use of working capital up to \$6,000,000 of interest earned from the trust account, as well as any amounts necessary to pay our tax obligations. We have drawn from the trust account \$391,344 for working capital and may draw up to an additional \$5,608,656 for

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working capital as of December 31, 2007. We have also drawn from the trust account \$1,600,000 to pay tax obligations. We have \$1,639,595 of interest available for working capital which has been classified as cash held in trust account, interest and dividends available for working capital and taxes on the balance sheet at December 31, 2007.

In June 2007, Jonathan J. Ledecy, our president and secretary, and Eric J. Watson, our chairman of the board and treasurer, advanced an aggregate of \$112,500 to us for payment on our behalf of offering expenses. On November 20, 2007, these loans were repaid following our initial public offering from the proceeds of the offering.

### ***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements***

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS 157 ). SFAS 157 clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. SFAS 157 requires fair value measurements to be separately disclosed by level within the fair value hierarchy. SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. SFAS 157 would likely have an impact on accounting for any business acquired after the effective date of this pronouncement.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159 The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ( SFAS No. 159 ), which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The fair value option established by this Statement permits all entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. A business entity shall report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. Adoption is required for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. Early adoption is permitted as of the beginning of a fiscal year that begins on or before November 15, 2007, provided the entity also elects to apply the provisions of SFAS No. 159. SFAS 159 would likely have an impact on accounting for any business acquired after the effective date of this pronouncement.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141R, Business Combinations ( SFAS 141R ), which replaces SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations. SFAS 141R establishes principles and requirements for determining how an enterprise recognizes and measures the fair value of certain assets and liabilities acquired in a business combination, including noncontrolling interests, contingent consideration, and certain acquired contingencies. SFAS 141R also requires acquisition-related transaction expenses and restructuring costs be expensed as incurred rather than capitalized as a component of the business combination. SFAS 141R will be applicable prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. SFAS 141R would have an impact on accounting for any businesses acquired after the effective date of this pronouncement.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements An Amendment of ARB No. 51 ( SFAS 160 ). SFAS 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary (previously referred to as minority interests). SFAS 160 also requires that a retained noncontrolling interest upon the deconsolidation of a subsidiary be initially measured at its fair value. Upon adoption of SFAS 160, we would be required to report any noncontrolling interests as a separate component of stockholders' equity. We would also be required to present any net income allocable to noncontrolling interests and net income attributable to our stockholders separately in our statements of operations. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or

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after December 15, 2008. SFAS 160 requires retroactive adoption of the presentation and disclosure requirements for existing minority interests. All other requirements of SFAS 160 shall be applied prospectively. SFAS 160 would have an impact on the presentation and disclosure of the noncontrolling interests of any non wholly-owned businesses acquired in the future.

In December 2007, the SEC staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin 110 ( SAB 110 ), Share-Based Payment, which amends SAB 107, Share-Based Payment, to permit public companies, under certain circumstances, to use the simplified method in SAB 107 for employee option grants after December 31, 2007. Use of the simplified method after December 2007 is permitted only for companies whose historical data about their employees' exercise behavior does not provide a reasonable basis for estimating the expected term of the options. The adoption of this pronouncement is not expected to have a material effect on our financial statements

**Unaudited Quarterly Financial Information**

	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Revenue	\$	\$
Operating Loss	(1,000)	(179,350)
Interest Income	360	3,572,826
Income (Loss) before Provision for Income Taxes	(640)	3,393,476
Provision for Income Taxes		(1,568,439)
Net Income (Loss)	(640)	1,825,037
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding Basic and Diluted	13,800,000	26,554,952
Basic and Diluted Net Income (Loss) Per Share	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.07

**ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

None.

**ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

This information appears following Item 15 of this Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.**

None.

**ITEM 9A. CONTROL AND PROCEDURES****Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We have established disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to us is made known to the officers who certify our financial reports and to other members of senior management and the Board of Directors.

Based on their evaluation as of December 31, 2007, our president and treasurer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) are effective.



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### **Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

This annual report does not include a report of management's assessment regarding internal control over financial reporting or an attestation report of the company's registered public accounting firm due to a transition period established by rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission for newly public companies.

### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

For the fourth fiscal quarter of 2007, there has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### **Limitations on the effectiveness of controls**

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within a company have been detected. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving its objectives. Our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective at that reasonable assurance level.

### **ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

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Our current directors and executive officers are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
Eric J. Watson	48	Chairman of the Board and Treasurer
Jonathan J. Ledecky	50	President, Secretary and Director
Robert B. Hersov	47	Director
Edward J. Mathias	66	Director
Kerry Kennedy	48	Director
Richard Y. Roberts	56	Director
Jimmie Lee Solomon, Jr.	51	Director
Jay H. Nussbaum	62	Director
Richard A. Stein	48	Director
Edward Hanson	32	Director
Jim Gray	47	Director

**Eric J. Watson** has been our chairman of the board and treasurer since our inception. From July 2005 until December 2007, Mr. Watson served as the chairman of the board and treasurer of Endeavor Acquisition Corp., an American Stock Exchange listed blank check company formed to acquire an operating business. Endeavor Acquisition Corp. consummated its business combination with American Apparel, Inc. on December 12, 2007. Mr. Watson has also been the chairman of the board and treasurer of Victory Acquisition Corp., a blank check company formed for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition or other similar business combination with an operating business in any industry other than the franchising, financial services or healthcare industries, since its inception in January 2007. He has also been the chairman of the board and treasurer of Performance Acquisition Corp., a blank check company formed for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or other similar business combination with an operating in the entertainment, media and/or publishing industry, since its inception in October 2007. He has also been the chairman of the board and treasurer of Endeavour International Acquisition Corp., a blank check company formed for the purpose of effecting a merger, share capital exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization or other similar business combination with an operating business located outside of North America in any industry other than the financial services industry or the entertainment, media and/or publishing industry, since its inception in November 2007. He has also been the chairman of the board and treasurer of Grand Slam Acquisition Corp., a blank check company formed for the purpose of effecting a merger, share capital exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization or other similar business combination with an operating business located in North America in any industry other than the financial services industry or the entertainment, media and/or publishing industry, since its inception in October 2007. Since January 1995, Mr. Watson has been the executive chairman of, and interests associated with him own, Cullen Investments Limited, an international private investment company which has its origins in a start up founded by Mr. Watson through which he has actively invested his own capital in a range of successful mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Watson and his associated interests have a substantial portfolio comprising interests in the fashion retail, financial services, real estate, infrastructure maintenance, sports and entertainment sectors. Cullen Investments interests include ownership of Bendon, an international manufacturer and retailer of women's lingerie whose prestige brands include the licensed Elle Macpherson Intimates and Stella McCartney labels. Another major investment held by interests associated with Mr. Watson is a 50% ownership of the Hanover Group, one of the largest privately owned financial services business in New Zealand with operations extending to the United States and Australia. In 1998, Logan Corporation, an entity owned by Cullen Investments, invested in publicly listed Wall Group (formerly Pacific Retail Group or PRG). PRG was listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange until 2006, and operated several consumer focused companies. These included Noel Leeming

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Group, a New Zealand specialty appliance retail chain, Pacific Retail Finance Limited, a New Zealand consumer finance business, and Bendon. PRG acquired PRG PowerHouse Limited (PowerHouse), a specialty appliance retail chain in the United Kingdom in September 2003, at which time Logan Corporation was a majority stockholder in publicly listed PRG. Mr. Watson was then and remains a director of PRG, but has not at any time been an executive officer of PRG. In August 2006, PowerHouse, as a result of adverse market conditions and increasing losses, was placed in administration under United Kingdom law, a process similar to a United States bankruptcy proceeding. The administrator determined that the best course of action with respect to PowerHouse was to close its stores and realize the assets for the benefit of its creditors. Subsequently, at the end of April 2007, PowerHouse was placed into liquidation by the administrator. In addition, PRG had provided guarantees in respect of certain debts owed by PowerHouse to its creditors. Due to an unforeseen material deterioration in the outcome of the Powerhouse administration, PRG is no longer in a position to satisfy, in full, the claims of its creditors. Accordingly, PRG's creditors approved a compromise with PRG in September 2007 in respect of their debts. PRG was privatized by Logan Corporation in 2006. Prior to founding Cullen Investments, Mr. Watson was the founding chairman and largest stockholder of Blue Star Group, a retail and distribution group he founded in January 1992. In 1996, Blue Star Group was sold to U.S. Office Products, a diversified supplier of a broad range of office products and business services to corporate customers. Until August 1999, Mr. Watson continued as executive chairman of Blue Star Group, a wholly-owned subsidiary of U.S. Office Products after the acquisition. Following the acquisition of Blue Star Group by U.S. Office Products, Mr. Watson served as a director of McCollam Printers from July 1997 to June 1998. Prior to serving with U.S. Office Products, Mr. Watson held several positions with Xerox Corporation, an office products company, including president of operations for Australasia. Mr. Watson received a diploma of general management from Auckland University.

**Jonathan J. Ledecky** has been our president, secretary and a member of our board of directors since our inception. From July 2005 to December 2007, Mr. Ledecky served as president, secretary and a director of Endeavor Acquisition Corp. Since January 2007, Mr. Ledecky has served as president, secretary and a director of Victory Acquisition Corp. Since October 2007, Mr. Ledecky has served as president, secretary and a director of Performance Acquisition Corp. and Grand Slam Acquisition Corp. Since November 2007, Mr. Ledecky has served as president, secretary and a director of Endeavour International Acquisition Corp. Since June 1999, Mr. Ledecky has served as chairman of the Ledecky Foundation, a philanthropic organization which contributes funds to programs for the education of disadvantaged inner city youth in Washington, D.C., New York and Boston. Since March 1999, Mr. Ledecky has also served as chairman of Ironbound Partners Fund LLC, a private investment management fund that oversees the Ledecky Foundation and other Ledecky family investments. In October 1994, Mr. Ledecky founded U.S. Office Products and served as its chief executive officer until November 1997 and chairman until June 1998. During his tenure, U.S. Office Products completed over 260 acquisitions, and grew to a Fortune 500 company with over \$2.6 billion in revenues. In June 1998, U.S. Office Products completed a comprehensive restructuring plan whereby four separate entities were spun off to stockholders and U.S. Office Products underwent a leveraged recapitalization. In connection with these transactions, Mr. Ledecky resigned from his position as chairman of U.S. Office Products and became a director of each of the four spin-off entities. In February 1997, Mr. Ledecky founded Building One Services Corporation (originally Consolidation Capital Corporation), an entity formed to identify attractive consolidation opportunities which ultimately focused on the facilities management industry. In November 1997, Building One raised \$552 million in an initial public offering. Mr. Ledecky served as Building One's chief executive officer from November 1997 through February 1999 and as its chairman from inception through its February 2000 merger with Group Maintenance America Corporation. During his tenure with Building One, it completed 46 acquisitions and grew to over \$1.5 billion in revenues. From July 1999 to July 2001, Mr. Ledecky was vice chairman of Lincoln Holdings, owners of the Washington sports franchises in the NBA, NHL and WNBA. Since June 1998, Mr. Ledecky has served as a director of School Specialty, a Nasdaq Global Market listed education company that provides products, programs and services that enhance student achievement and development. School Specialty spun out of U.S. Office Products in June 1998. Since 1994, Mr. Ledecky has been involved with numerous other companies in director positions. Two of these companies, U.S.A. Floral Products Inc. (United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware; filed 4/2/01 and emerged 7/18/02) and UniCapital Corporation (United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York; filed 12/11/00 and emerged



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1/31/02) filed for voluntary bankruptcy in the last seven years. Mr. Ledecy was a director of U.S.A. Floral Products from April 1997 to March 2000 and of UniCapital from October 1997 to October 2000. In addition, after resigning from his position as a director and executive officer with U.S. Office Products, it filed for bankruptcy protection (United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware; filed 3/5/01 and emerged 12/28/01). In no case was Mr. Ledecy an executive officer of these companies during the two years preceding the bankruptcy filings. Mr. Ledecy was a trustee of George Washington University, served as a director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and served as commissioner on the National Commission on Entrepreneurship. In addition, in 2004, Mr. Ledecy was elected the Chief Marshal of the 2004 Harvard University Commencement, a singular honor bestowed by his alumni peers for a 25th reunion graduate deemed to have made exceptional contributions to Harvard and the greater society while achieving outstanding professional success. Mr. Ledecy received a B.A. (cum laude) from Harvard University and a M.B.A from Harvard Business School.

**Robert B. Hersov** has been a member of our board of directors since our inception. Since January 2004, Mr. Hersov has been the vice chairman of NetJets Europe Ltd., a subsidiary of NetJets, Inc., a private aviation and fractional jet ownership company which was acquired by Berkshire Hathaway Inc. in 1998. Mr. Hersov founded and, from December 2002 to April 2004, served as the chief executive officer of Marquis Jet Europe, a private aviation company which was acquired by NetJets, Inc. in 2004. Since September 2007, Mr. Hersov has served as a non-executive director of Australian privately-owned company Global Aviation Leasing Group. Mr. Hersov is also chairman of Sapinda Limited, a UK private company, which is the main shareholder of Vatas GmbH, a private German investment company. Mr. Hersov also founded and, from October 1998 to December 2002, served as the chairman of Sportal Ltd., a company that operates an Internet site that offers sports-related games and videos. From October 1996 to September 1998, he served as the executive director of Enic plc, a holding company listed on the London Stock Exchange that invests primarily in the sports and media sectors. From September 1995 to September 1997, Mr. Hersov was the chief executive officer of Telepiu PayTV in Milan, Italy, a pay TV and digital satellite company. From March 1993 to August 1995, Mr. Hersov served as an executive director of Richemont, a tobacco, luxury and media conglomerate listed on the SWX Swiss Exchange. Since June 2005, Mr. Hersov has been a member of the board of directors of Shine Media Acquisition Corp., a blank check company that was formed to acquire a direct or indirect interest in an operating business in the media and advertising industry in the People's Republic of China. He was a director of Endeavor Acquisition Corp. from July 2005 to December 2007. Since January 2007, he has served as a director of Victory Acquisition Corp., since October 2007, he has served as a director of Performance Acquisition Corp. and since November 2007, he has served as a director of Endeavour International Acquisition Corp. Mr. Hersov received a B.B.S. from the University of Cape Town and a M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School.

**Edward J. Mathias** has been a member of our board of directors since our inception. Mr. Mathias was involved with the founding of The Carlyle Group, a global private equity firm headquartered in Washington, DC. He has been a managing director since January 1994 and presently serves as an Investment Committee member for a number of Carlyle's partnerships. Previously, Mr. Mathias served on the management committee and board of directors of T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., an investment management organization where he was employed from 1971 to December 1993. He was a director of Endeavor Acquisition Corp. from July 2005 to December 2007. He has also been a director of NexCen Brands, formerly Aether Systems, since June of 2002, Victory Acquisition Corp. since January 2007, Performance Acquisition Corp. since October 2007, Grand Slam Acquisition Corp. since October 2007 and Endeavour International Acquisition Corp. since November 2007. Mr. Mathias also serves on The Howard Hughes Institute's Investment Advisory Committee. Mr. Mathias received an M.B.A. from The Harvard Business School where he is on The Board of Dean's Advisors and a B.A. from The University of Pennsylvania where he is currently a trustee and member of The Penn Investment Board which oversees the University's endowment.

**Kerry Kennedy** has been a member of our board of directors since our inception. In April 1988, she established the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights and acted as its executive director until January 1995 working on diverse human rights issues. Ms. Kennedy has been the Chair of the Amnesty International Leadership Council since January 1996. She was a director of Endeavor Acquisition Corp. from

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July 2005 to December 2007. Since January 2007, she has served as a director of Victory Acquisition Corp. and since October 2007, she has served as a director of Grand Slam Acquisition Corp. She also serves on the board of directors of the International Center for Ethics and Justice and Public Life at Brandeis University. Ms. Kennedy received a B.A. from Brown University and an LLM from Boston College Law School.

**Richard Y. Roberts** has been a member of our board of directors since our inception. In February 2006, Mr. Roberts co-founded a regulatory/legislative consulting firm, Roberts, Raheb & Gradler LLC. He was a partner with Thelen Reid & Priest LLP, a national law firm, from January 1997 to February 2006. From August 1995 to January 1997, Mr. Roberts was a consultant at Princeton Venture Research, Inc., a private consulting firm. From 1990 to 1995, Mr. Roberts was a commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and, in this capacity, was actively involved in, has written about or has testified on, a wide range of subjects affecting the capital markets. Since leaving the Commission, Mr. Roberts has been a frequent media commentator and writer on various securities public policy issues and has assisted the Governments of Romania and Ukraine in the development of a securities market. Since September 2005, Mr. Roberts has served as a member of the board of directors of Nyfix, Inc., a Nasdaq Global Market listed provider of industry interconnectivity networks, electronic trade communication technologies, trading workstations and middle-office trade automation technologies. He was a director of Endeavor Acquisition Corp. from July 2005 to December 2007. Since January 2007, he has served as a director of Victory Acquisition Corp. and since October 2007, he has served as a director of Grand Slam Acquisition Corp. From 1987 to 1990, he was the chief of staff for Senator Richard Shelby. He is a member of the Alabama Bar and the District of Columbia Bar. Mr. Roberts is a member of the Advisory Board of Securities Regulation & Law Reports, of the Advisory Board of the International Journal of Disclosure and Governance, and of the Editorial Board of the Municipal Finance Journal. Mr. Roberts also previously served as a member of the District 10 Regional Consultative Committee of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the Market Regulation Advisory Board of the FINRA, and the Legal Advisory Board of the FINRA. Mr. Roberts received a B.E.E. from Auburn University, a J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law, and a Master of Laws from the George Washington University Law Center.

**Jimmie Lee Solomon, Jr.** has been a member of our board of directors since our inception. Mr. Solomon has been affiliated with Major League Baseball since July 1991 as executive director of minor league operations, senior vice president of baseball operations and most recently since June 2005 as executive vice president of baseball operations. From June 1981 to June 1991, he was a lawyer at Baker & Hostetler, LLP where he counseled a variety of clients including Major League Baseball, the National Football League Management Council and the United States Football League front office personnel. Mr. Solomon has been a director of Victory Acquisition Corp. since January 2007 and Performance Acquisition Corp. since October 2007. Mr. Solomon is also on the board of directors for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. He has previously served on the board of directors for the Greater Washington Boys and Girls Club and has served as an advisory board member for Elementary Baseball, Inc. He has also served as a member of the Diversity Task Force for Women's Sports Foundation. Mr. Solomon received a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

**Jay H. Nussbaum** has been a member of our board of directors since our inception. He is the founder and Chief Operating Officer of Agilex Technologies, a company formed in 2006 to offer leading technology solutions to government and commercial clients in the United States. From May 2004 to July 2006, Mr. Nussbaum served as the global head of sales, marketing and business development for Citigroup(r) Global Transaction Services, a division of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. which handles cash management, trade, securities services and fund services. He was a director of Endeavor Acquisition Corp. from July 2005 to December 2007. Since January 2007, he has served as a director of Victory Acquisition Corp. and since October 2007, he has served as a director of Grand Slam Acquisition Corp. From January 2002 to April 2004, Mr. Nussbaum was affiliated with BearingPoint, Inc. (formerly KPMG Consulting), a consulting company, where he served most recently as head of worldwide sales. From 1991 to January 2002, Mr. Nussbaum was affiliated with Oracle Corporation, a Nasdaq Global Market listed enterprise software company, where he most recently served as executive vice president. Prior to joining Oracle Corporation, Mr. Nussbaum was affiliated with Xerox Corporation for 24 years where he most recently served as president of integrated systems operations. Mr. Nussbaum received a B.A. from the University of Maryland.

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**Jim Gray** has been a member of our board of directors since our inception. Mr. Gray has been a network television and national cable sportscaster since 1983. During this time, he has worked with CBS Sports, NBC Sports, and currently has long-term relationships with ESPN, ABC-TV, Showtime and Westwood One Radio. His career highlights include coverage of 7 Olympic Games, 18 NFL Super Bowls, 9 MLB World Series, 18 NBA Finals, 9 NCAA Final Fours, 18 Masters Golf Tournaments, and more than 300 World Championship Boxing matches. Gray has also broadcast on numerous occasions the Ryder Cup, the Presidents Cup, NBA and MLB All-Star Games, National Football League AFC and NFC Championship Games, and Major League Baseball American and National League Championship Series Games. Mr. Gray has won 11 national Emmy Awards for journalism and reporting. He was named Sportscaster of the Year in 1998 and 1999 as Sports Reporter of the Year by his member peers of the American Sportscasters Association. In 1997, he won the prestigious Broadcast of the Year Award presented by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association for his interview with Mike Tyson following Tyson vs. Holyfield II. Mr. Gray has been named Sports Reporter of the Year twelve times by the USA Today, and that same publication in April 2005 named Mr. Gray the country's best sports reporter of the past quarter century. Mr. Gray has been a director of Performance Acquisition Corp. since October 2007. Mr. Gray received a B.S. from the University of Colorado.

**Richard A. Stein** has been a member of our board of directors since our inception. Mr. Stein has served as chief executive officer and a director of Powerride Motorsports, Inc., a powersports retailer of which Mr. Ledecy is the controlling shareholder, since November 2001. From January 2001 to November 2001, Mr. Stein was managing his personal investments. From 1987 to January 2001, Mr. Stein was the co-founder and served as the executive vice president and chief financial officer of Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc., a provider of orthotic and prosthetic services and products. From 1982 to 1987, Mr. Stein served as a supervisor in the emerging business services division of PriceWaterhouse Coopers, an accounting firm. Since October 2007, Mr. Stein has served as a director of Grand Slam Acquisition Corp. Mr. Stein received a B.S. from the University of Florida. Mr. Stein is a Certified Public Accountant.

**Edward Hanson** has been a member of our board of directors since our inception. Mr. Hanson is a Director of Babcock & Brown (UK) Limited. Babcock & Brown is a principal investment firm headquartered in Sydney and Mr. Hanson has worked in the London office since 1997. He also runs the private equity fund, Babcock & Brown Global Partners, which he raised in July 2005. Babcock & Brown invest in asset backed businesses around the world. From 1996 to 1997, Mr. Hanson worked at Cavill White Securities, an investment bank in New Zealand. Mr. Hanson is a member of the board of directors of BGP Investment S.à r.l., a European real estate joint venture that pursues a range of property related activities including the acquisition and management of new assets and selected development projects. Mr. Hanson is also on the board of Corvus Capital, an AIM listed investment company, and Endeavour International Acquisition Corp. Mr. Hanson received a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Auckland in New Zealand.

## **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires our officers, directors and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Officers, directors and ten percent stockholders are required by regulation to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on copies of such forms received or written representations from certain reporting persons that no Form 5s were required for those persons, we believe that, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, all filing requirements applicable to our officers, directors and greater than ten percent beneficial owners were complied with.

## **Code of Ethics**

In October 2007, our board of directors adopted a code of ethics that applies to our directors, officers and employees as well as those of our subsidiaries. Requests for copies of our code of ethics should be sent in writing to Triplecrown Acquisition Corp., 970 West Broadway, PMB 402, Jackson, Wyoming 83001.

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### **Corporate Governance**

#### *Nominating Committee*

Effective October 2007, we established a nominating committee of the board of directors, which consists of Kerry Kennedy, as chairman, and Jimmie Lee Solomon, Jr., each of whom is an independent director under the American Stock Exchange's listing standards. The nominating committee is responsible for overseeing the selection of persons to be nominated to serve on our board of directors. The nominating committee considers persons identified by its members, management, shareholders, investment bankers and others.

#### *Guidelines for Selecting Director Nominees*

The guidelines for selecting nominees, which are specified in the Nominating Committee Charter, generally provide that persons to be nominated should be actively engaged in business endeavors, have an understanding of financial statements, corporate budgeting and capital structure, be familiar with the requirements of a publicly traded company, be familiar with industries relevant to our business endeavors, be willing to devote significant time to the oversight duties of the board of directors of a public company, and be able to promote a diversity of views based on the person's education, experience and professional employment. The nominating committee evaluates each individual in the context of the board as a whole, with the objective of recommending a group of persons that can best implement our business plan, perpetuate our business and represent shareholder interests. The nominating committee may require certain skills or attributes, such as financial or accounting experience, to meet specific board needs that arise from time to time. The nominating committee does not distinguish among nominees recommended by shareholders and other persons.

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which security holders may recommend nominees to our board of directors.

#### *Audit Committee*

Effective October 2007, we established an audit committee of the board of directors, which consists of Edward J. Mathias, as chairman, Jay H. Nussbaum and Richard Y. Roberts, each of whom is an independent director under the American Stock Exchange's listing standards. The audit committee's duties, which are specified in our Audit Committee Charter, include, but are not limited to:

reviewing and discussing with management and the independent auditor the annual audited financial statements, and recommend to the board whether the audited financial statements should be included in our Form 10-K;

discussing with management and the independent auditor significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of our financial statements;

discussing with management and the independent auditor the effect on our financial statements of (i) regulatory and accounting initiatives and (ii) off-balance sheet structures;

discussing with management major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including our risk assessment and risk management policies;

reviewing disclosures made to the audit committee by our principal executive officer and principal financial officer during their certification process for our Form 10-K and Form 10-Q about any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls or material weaknesses therein and any fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in our internal controls;

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verifying the rotation of the lead (or coordinating) audit partner having primary responsibility for the audit and the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit as required by law;

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reviewing and approving all related-party transactions including analyzing the shareholder base of each target business so as to ensure that we do not consummate a business combination with an entity that is affiliated with our officers, directors or initial stockholders;

inquiring and discussing with management our compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

pre-approving all audit services and permitted non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditor, including the fees and terms of the services to be performed;

appointing or replacing the independent auditor;

reviewing proxy disclosure to ensure that it is in compliance with SEC rules and regulations;

determining the compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditor (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work; and

establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by us regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or reports which raise material issues regarding our financial statements or accounting policies.

### *Financial Experts on Audit Committee*

The audit committee will at all times be composed exclusively of independent directors who are financially literate as defined under the American Stock Exchange listing standards. The American Stock Exchange listing standards define financially literate as being able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including a company's balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.

In addition, we must certify to the American Stock Exchange that the committee has, and will continue to have, at least one member who has past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or other comparable experience or background that results in the individual's financial sophistication. The board of directors has determined that Edward J. Mathias satisfies the American Stock Exchange's definition of financial sophistication and also qualifies as an audit committee financial expert, as defined under rules and regulations of the SEC.

## **ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

No executive officer has received any cash compensation for services rendered to us. No compensation of any kind, including finders, consulting or other similar fees, have been or will be paid to any of our existing stockholders, including our officers or directors, or any of their respective affiliates, prior to, or for any services they render in order to effectuate, the consummation of a business combination. However, such individuals will be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with activities on our behalf such as identifying potential target businesses and performing due diligence on suitable business combinations.

Since our formation, we have not granted any stock options or stock appreciation rights or any awards under long-term incentive plans.

### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

Overall, following our initial business combination, we will seek to provide total compensation packages that are competitive in terms of potential value to our executives, and which are tailored to the unique characteristics and needs of our company within the financial services industry in order to create an executive compensation program that will adequately reward our executives for their roles in creating value for our shareholders. We intend to be competitive with other similarly situated companies in the financial services industry following completion of our

initial business combination. The compensation decisions regarding our

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executives will be based on our need to attract individuals with the skills necessary for us to achieve our business plan, to reward those individuals fairly over time, and to retain those individuals who continue to perform at or above our expectations.

It is likely that our executives' compensation will have three primary components: salary, cash incentive bonus and stock-based awards. We will view the three components of executive compensation as related but distinct. We do not believe that significant compensation derived from one component of compensation should negate or reduce compensation from other components. We anticipate determining the appropriate level for each compensation component based in part, but not exclusively, on our view of internal equity and consistency, individual performance and other information deemed relevant and timely. We have not adopted any formal or informal policies or guidelines for allocating compensation between long-term and currently paid out compensation, between cash and non-cash compensation, or among different forms of compensation.

We may utilize the services of third parties from time to time in connection with the hiring and compensation awarded to executive employees. This could include subscriptions to executive compensation surveys and other databases.

### **Benchmarking of Cash and Equity Compensation**

We believe it is important when making compensation-related decisions to be informed as to current practices of similarly situated publicly held companies. We expect to stay apprised of the cash and equity compensation practices of publicly held companies in the financial services industry through the review of such companies' public reports and through other resources. It is expected that any companies chosen for inclusion in any benchmarking group would have business characteristics comparable to our company, including revenues, financial growth metrics, stage of development, employee headcount and market capitalization. While benchmarking may not always be appropriate as a stand-alone tool for setting compensation due to the aspects of our post-acquisition business and objectives that may be unique to us, we generally believe that gathering this information will be an important part of our compensation-related decision-making process.

### **Compensation Components**

*Base Salary.* Generally, we anticipate setting executive base salaries at levels comparable with those of executives in similar positions and with similar responsibilities at comparable companies. We will seek to maintain base salary amounts at or near the industry norms while avoiding paying amounts in excess of what we believe is necessary to motivate executives to meet corporate goals. It is anticipated base salaries will generally be reviewed annually, subject to terms of employment agreements, and that we will seek to adjust base salary amounts to realign such salaries with industry norms after taking into account individual responsibilities, performance and experience.

*Annual Bonuses.* We may design and utilize cash incentive bonuses for executives to focus them on achieving key operational and financial objectives within a yearly time horizon. We will structure cash incentive bonus compensation so that it is taxable to our employees at the time it becomes available to them. At this time, it is not anticipated that any executive officer's annual cash compensation will exceed \$1 million, and we have accordingly not made any plans to qualify for any compensation deductions under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

*Equity Awards.* We may also use stock options and other stock-based awards to reward long-term performance. We believe that providing a meaningful portion of our executives' total compensation package in stock options and other stock-based awards will align the incentives of our executives with the interests of our shareholders and with our long-term success.



**Table of Contents****ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of March 25, 2008 by:

each person known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding shares of common stock;

each of our officers and directors; and

all our officers and directors as a group.

Unless otherwise indicated, we believe that all persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock beneficially owned by them.

<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner(1)</b>	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership</b>	<b>Percent of Class</b>
Jonathan J. Ledecy	6,630,000(2)	9.6%
Eric J. Watson	6,630,000(3)	9.6%
Jay H. Nussbaum	60,000(4)	*
Kerry Kennedy(5)	60,000(4)	*
Robert B. Hersov(6)	60,000(4)	*
Edward J. Mathias(7)	60,000(4)	*
Richard Y. Roberts(8)	60,000(4)	*
Jimmie Lee Solomon, Jr.(9)	60,000(4)	*
Jim Gray(10)	60,000(4)	*
Richard A. Stein(11)	60,000(4)	*
Edward Hanson(12)	60,000(4)	*
Fir Tree, Inc.(13)	6,341,200(14)	9.2%
QVT Financial LP(15)	4,874,068(16)	7.3%
HBK Investments L.P.(17)	5,037,028	7.3%
All directors and executive officers as a group (seven individuals)	13,800,000(18)	20.0%

\* Less than one percent.

- (1) Unless otherwise indicated, the business address of each of the individuals is 970 West Broadway, PMB 402, Jackson, Wyoming 83001.
- (2) Does not include 9,130,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants that are not exercisable and will not become exercisable within 60 days.
- (3) These shares are held by Summit Trust, a trust established for the benefit of Mr. Watson and his beneficiaries, a New Zealand company, which is wholly owned by Valley Trust, a trust whose beneficiaries are Mr. Watson, Lake Group Limited, a company that is wholly owned by the Eric John Watson 2003 Family Trust, and several unaffiliated charities. The current trustee of Valley Trust is Victoria Equities Limited, a company that is wholly owned by the Cullen Business Trust, a trust established for the benefit of Mr. Watson and his family. Does not include 9,130,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants that are not exercisable and will not become exercisable within 60 days.



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- (4) Does not include 60,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants that are not exercisable and will not become exercisable within 60 days.
- (5) Ms. Kennedy's business address is c/o Robert F. Kennedy Center, 1367 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036.
- (6) Mr. Hersov's business address is NetJets Europe, Ltd., Grundstrasse 12, 6343 Rotkreuz, Switzerland.
- (7) Mr. Mathias' business address is c/o The Carlyle Group, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004.
- (8) Mr. Roberts' business address is Roberts, Raheb & Gradler, 805 15th Street, NW, Suite 1101, Washington, DC 20005.
- (9) Mr. Solomon's address is P.O. Box 265, New York, New York 10163.
- (10) Mr. Gray's business address is P.O. Box 774, Pacific Palisades, California 90272.
- (11) Mr. Stein's business address is 435 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, Virginia 22046.
- (12) Mr. Hanson's business address is c/o Babcock & Brown Limited, 53 Davies Street, London W1K 5JH.
- (13) The business address of Fir Tree, Inc. is 505 Fifth Avenue, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10017.
- (14) Represents 5,480,800 shares of common stock held by Sapling, LLC ( "Sapling" ) and 860,400 shares of common stock held by Fir Tree Capital Opportunity Master Fund, L.P. ( "Fir Tree Capital Opportunity" ). Fir Tree, Inc. is the investment manager for each of Sapling and Fir Tree Capital Opportunity. The foregoing information was derived from an Amendment to a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2008.
- (15) The business address of QVT Financial LP is 1177 Avenue of the Americas, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10036.
- (16) Represents (i) 4,016,825 shares of common stock owned by QVT Fund LP, (ii) 432,511 shares of common stock owned by Quintessence Fund L.P. and (iii) 424,732 shares held by Deutsche Bank AG. QVT Financial LP is the investment manager of each of these funds. The foregoing information was derived from Amendment No. 2 to a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 12, 2008.
- (17) The business address of HBK Investments L.P. is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- (18) Does not include 18,800,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants that are not exercisable and will not become exercisable within 60 days.

All of the Founder Units have been placed in escrow with Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as escrow agent, until one year after the consummation of a business combination. These shares may be released from escrow earlier than this date if, within the first year after we consummate a business combination:

our units having a last sales price equal to or exceeding \$13.75 per share for any 20 trading days within any 30-trading day period following our successful consummation of a business combination; and

the consummation of a liquidation, merger, stock exchange or other similar transaction which results in all of our stockholders having the right to exchange their shares of common stock for cash, securities or other property subsequent to our consummating a business combination with a target business.

During the escrow period, the holders of these shares will not be able to sell or transfer their securities except to their spouses and children or trusts established for their benefit, but will retain all other rights as our stockholders, including, without limitation, the right to vote their shares of common stock and the right to receive cash dividends, if declared. If dividends are declared and payable in shares of common stock, such dividends will also be placed in escrow. If we are unable to effect a business combination and liquidate, none of our initial stockholders will receive any portion of the liquidation proceeds with respect to common stock owned by them prior to the date of our IPO.

Jonathan J. Ledecy and Eric J. Watson may be deemed to be our "parents" and "promoters," as these terms are defined under the Federal securities laws.

**Table of Contents****ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

In June 2007, we issued 13,800,000 Founder s units (after giving retroactive effect to reflect the dividends as described below) to the individuals set forth below for \$25,000 in cash, at a purchase price of \$0.002 unit, as follows:

<b>Stockholders</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>
Summit Trust	6,630,000
Jonathan J. Ledecky	6,030,000
Hat Tricks LLC	600,000
Kerry Kennedy	60,000
Robert B. Hersov	60,000
Edward J. Mathias	60,000
Richard Y. Roberts	60,000
Jimmie Lee Solomon, Jr.	60,000
Jay H. Nussbaum	60,000
Jim Gray	60,000
Richard A. Stein	60,000
Edward Hanson	60,000

On September 19, 2007, our board of directors authorized a dividend to our founding stockholders of one warrant to purchase one share of common stock for each outstanding share of common stock. On September 21, 2007, Mr. Hanson transferred his shares of common stock to Coronet Group Limited, entity he controls, at their initial price of approximately \$0.002 per share. On October 22, 2007, our board of directors authorized a dividend to our founding stockholders of 0.2 units, each unit consisting of one share of common stock and one warrant to purchase one share of common stock, for each outstanding unit. Such securities were issued in connection with our organization pursuant to the exemption from registration contained in Section 4(2) of the Securities Act as they were sold to accredited individuals or entities.

We also entered into a registration rights agreement with the Founders pursuant to which the holders of the majority of the Founders common stock and Founders warrants will be entitled to make up to two demands that we register these shares (and underlying shares of common stock) pursuant to an agreement signed on October 22, 2007. The holders of the majority of these shares may elect to exercise these registration rights at any time commencing three months prior to the date on which these shares of common stock are released from escrow. In addition, these stockholders have certain piggy-back registration rights on registration statements filed subsequent to the date on which these shares of common stock are released from escrow. We will bear the expenses incurred in connection with the filing of any such registration statements.

Each of our Founders also entered into a letter agreement with us and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. pursuant to which, among other things:

each agreed to vote all Founder Shares owned by him in accordance with the majority of the IPO Shares if we solicit approval of our stockholders for a business combination;

if we fail to consummate a business combination by October 22, 2009, each agreed to take all reasonable actions within his power to cause us to liquidate as soon as reasonably practicable;

each waived any and all rights he may have to receive any distribution of cash, property or other assets as a result of such liquidation with respect to his Founder Shares;

each agreed to present to us for our consideration, prior to presentation to any other person or entity, any suitable opportunity to acquire an operating business, until the earlier of our consummation of a business combination, our liquidation or until such time as he ceases to be an officer or director of ours, subject to any pre-existing fiduciary obligations he might have;

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each agreed that we could not consummate any business combination which involves a company which is affiliated with any of the Founders unless we obtain an opinion from an independent investment banking firm that is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority reasonably acceptable to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. that the business combination is fair to our stockholders from a financial perspective;

each agreed that he and his affiliates will not be entitled to receive and will not accept any compensation for services rendered to us prior to the consummation of our business combination; and

each agreed that he and his affiliates will not be entitled to receive or accept a finder's fee or any other compensation in the event he or his affiliates originate a business combination.

Simultaneously with our IPO, Eric J. Watson and Jonathan J. Ledecy purchased 5,000,000 sponsors' warrants (for a total purchase price of \$5.0 million) from us. The sponsors' warrants are identical to the warrants underlying the units sold in the IPO except that the warrants will not be transferable or salable by the purchasers (except in certain limited circumstances such as to relatives and trusts for estate planning purposes, providing the transferee agrees to be bound by the transfer restrictions) until we complete a business combination and if we call the warrants for redemption, the sponsors' warrants will not be redeemable so long as such warrants are held by the purchasers or their affiliates, including any permitted transferees. The holders of the majority of these sponsors' warrants (or underlying shares) will be entitled to demand that we register these securities pursuant to the registration rights agreement referred to above. The holders of the majority of these securities may elect to exercise these registration rights with respect to such securities at any time after we consummate a business combination. In addition, these holders will have certain piggy-back registration rights with respect to registration statements filed subsequent to such date. We will bear the expenses incurred in connection with the filing of any such registration statements.

Prior to the IPO, Jonathan J. Ledecy and Eric J. Watson advanced an aggregate of \$112,500 to us, on a non-interest bearing basis, for payment of offering expenses on our behalf. These amounts were repaid out of proceeds of our IPO.

We will reimburse our officers and directors for any reasonable out-of-pocket business expenses incurred by them in connection with certain activities on our behalf such as identifying and investigating possible target businesses and business combinations.

No compensation or fees of any kind, including finders and consulting fees, will be paid to any of our Founders or to any of their respective affiliates for services rendered to us prior to or with respect to the business combination.

All ongoing and future transactions between us and any of our officers and directors or their respective affiliates, will be on terms believed by us to be no less favorable than are available from unaffiliated third parties and will require prior approval in each instance by a majority of the members of our board who do not have an interest in the transaction.

### **Related party policy**

Our Code of Ethics requires us to avoid, wherever possible, all related party transactions that could result in actual or potential conflicts of interest, except under guidelines approved by the board of directors (or the audit committee). Related-party transactions are defined as transactions in which (1) the aggregate amount involved will or may be expected to exceed \$120,000 in any calendar year, (2) we or any of our subsidiaries is a participant, and (3) any (a) executive officer, director or nominee for election as a director, (b) greater than 5 percent beneficial owner of our common stock, or (c) immediate family member, of the persons referred to in clauses (a) and (b), has or will have a direct or indirect material interest (other than solely as a result of being a director or a less than 10 percent beneficial owner of another entity). A conflict of interest situation can arise

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when a person takes actions or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his or her work objectively and effectively. Conflicts of interest may also arise if a person, or a member of his or her family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position. While we have agreed not to consummate a business combination with an entity which is affiliated with any of our officers, directors or founders, we are not prohibited from entering into other related-party transactions.

Our audit committee, pursuant to its written charter, is responsible for reviewing and approving related-party transactions to the extent we enter into such transactions. The audit committee will consider all relevant factors when determining whether to approve a related party transaction, including whether the related party transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third-party under the same or similar circumstances and the extent of the related party's interest in the transaction. No director may participate in the approval of any transaction in which he is a related party, but that director is required to provide the audit committee with all material information concerning the transaction. Additionally, we require each of our directors and executive officers to complete a directors' and officers' questionnaire that elicits information about related party transactions. These procedures are intended to determine whether any such related party transaction impairs the independence of a director or presents a conflict of interest on the part of a director, employee or officer.

### **Director Independence**

The American Stock Exchange requires that a majority of our board must be composed of independent directors, which is defined generally as a person other than an officer or employee of the company or its subsidiaries or any other individual having a relationship, which, in the opinion of the company's board of directors would interfere with the director's exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director.

Jay H. Nussbaum, Kerry Kennedy, Robert B. Hersov, Edward J. Mathias, Richard Y. Roberts, Jimmie Lee Solomon, Jr., Jim Gray and Edward Hanson are our independent directors, constituting a majority of our board. Our independent directors will have regularly scheduled meetings at which only independent directors are present.

## **ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES.**

The firm of Marcum & Kliegman LLP acts as our independent registered public accounting firm. The following is a summary of fees paid to Marcum & Kliegman LLP for services rendered.

### **Audit Fees**

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, audit fees for our independent registered public accounting firm were \$122,000.

### **Audit-Related Fees**

We did not receive audit-related services that are not reported as Audit fees for the year ended December 31, 2007.

### **Tax Fees**

During 2007, our independent registered public accounting firm did not render any services to us for tax services.

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### **All Other Fees**

During 2007, there were no fees billed for services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm other than those set forth above.

### **Audit Committee Approval**

Since our audit committee was not formed until October 2007, the audit committee did not pre-approve all of the foregoing services although any services rendered prior to the formation of our audit committee were approved by our board of directors. However, in accordance with Section 10A(i) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, before we engage our independent accountant to render audit or non-audit services on a going-forward basis, the engagement will be approved by our audit committee.

## **ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

(a) The following Exhibits are filed as part of this report.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation.(1)
3.2	By-laws.(1)
4.1	Specimen Unit Certificate.(1)
4.2	Specimen Common Stock Certificate.(1)
4.3	Specimen Warrant Certificate.(1)
4.4	Form of Warrant Agreement between Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company and the Registrant.(1)
10.1	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Jonathan J. Leddecky.(1)
10.2	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Eric J. Watson.(1)
10.3	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Jay H. Nussbaum.(1)
10.4	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Kerry Kennedy.(1)
10.5	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Robert Hersov.(1)
10.6	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Edward J. Mathias.(1)
10.7	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Jimmie Lee Solomon, Jr.(1)
10.8	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Jim Gray(1)
10.9	Form of Investment Management Trust Agreement between Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company and the Registrant.(1)

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.10	Form of Stock Escrow Agreement between the Registrant, Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company and the Initial Stockholders.(1)
10.11	Form of Letter Agreement between Ironbound Partners and Registrant regarding administrative support.(1)
10.12	Form of Promissory Note issued to each of Jonathan J. Ledecy and Eric J. Watson.(1)
10.13	Form of Registration Rights Agreement among the Registrant and the Initial Stockholders.(1)
10.14	Form of Warrant Purchase Agreements among Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and each of Jonathan J. Ledecy and Eric J. Watson.(1)
10.15	Letter Agreement among the Registrant and the Initial Stockholders.(1)
10.16	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Richard Y. Roberts.(1)
10.17	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Richard A. Stein(1)
10.18	Letter Agreement among the Registrant, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Edward Hanson.(1)
31.1	Certification of President pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Treasurer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32	Certification of President and Treasurer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
99.1	Audit Committee charter.(1)
99.2	Nominating Committee charter.(1)

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(1) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (SEC File No. 333-146850).



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Audit Committee of the  
Board of Directors and Shareholders  
of Triplecrown Acquisition Corp.

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Triplecrown Acquisition Corp. (a development stage enterprise) (the Company) as of December 31, 2007, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the period from June 8, 2007 (inception) through December 31, 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Triplecrown Acquisition Corp. (a development stage enterprise), as of December 31, 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period from June 8, 2007 (inception) through December 31, 2007 in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Marcum & Kliegman LLP

Melville, New York

March 31, 2008

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	<b>December 31, 2007</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 296,913
Cash held in trust account, interest available for working capital and taxes	1,639,595
Accrued interest and other current assets	1,560,408
Total current assets	3,496,916
<b>Cash held in trust account, restricted</b>	<b>536,930,000</b>
Total assets	\$ 540,426,916
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Income taxes payable	\$ 1,568,439
Accrued expenses	135,400
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,703,839
<b>Common Stock</b> , subject to possible conversion, 16,559,999 shares, at conversion value	161,078,990
<b>Commitment and Contingencies</b>	
<b>Stockholders' Equity</b>	
Preferred stock, \$.0001 par value, authorized 1,000,000 shares; none issued	
Common stock, \$.0001 par value, authorized 160,000,000 shares; total issued and outstanding 69,000,000 shares, (less 16,559,999 shares, subject to possible conversion)	5,244
Additional paid-in capital	375,814,446
Earnings accumulated during development stage	1,824,397
Total stockholders' equity	377,644,087
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 540,426,916

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

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**Statement of Income**

	<b>For the Period from June 8, 2007 (Inception) through December 31, 2007</b>
Revenue	\$
General, selling and administrative expenses	180,350
Loss from operations	(180,350)
Interest income	3,573,186
Income before provision for income taxes	3,392,836
Provision for income tax	(1,568,439)
Net income	\$ 1,824,397
Weighted average shares outstanding basic and diluted	26,554,952
Basic and diluted net income per share	\$ 0.07

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	Common Stock			Earnings Accumulated During Development Stage	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital		
<b>Balance, June 8, 2007 (inception)</b>		\$	\$	\$	\$
Issuance of stock to initial stockholders	13,800,000	1,380	23,620		25,000
Sale of 55,200,000 units, net of underwriters' discount and offering expenses of \$20,158,849 (includes 16,559,999 shares subject to possible conversion)	55,200,000	5,520	531,868,160		531,873,680
Proceeds subject to possible conversion of 16,559,999 shares		(1,656)	(161,077,334)		(161,078,990)
Proceeds from issuance of sponsors' warrants			5,000,000		5,000,000
Net income from June 8, 2007 (inception) through December 31, 2007				1,824,397	1,824,397
<b>Balance, December 31, 2007</b>	<b>69,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,244</b>	<b>\$ 375,814,446</b>	<b>\$ 1,824,397</b>	<b>\$ 377,644,087</b>

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

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#### Statement of Cash Flows

	For the Period from June 8, 2007 (Inception) through December 31, 2007
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
Net income	\$ 1,824,397
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Accrued Income interest and other current assets	(1,560,408)
Cash held in trust account interest available for working capital and taxes	(1,639,595)
Income Taxes payable	1,568,439
Accrued expenses	167,929
Net cash provided by operating activities	360,762
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	
Cash held in trust account	(536,930,000)
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	
Proceeds from issuance of stock to initial stockholders	25,000
Proceeds from notes payable, stockholders	112,500
Repayments of notes payable, stockholders	(112,500)
Gross proceeds from issuance of sponsors warrants	5,000,000
Gross proceeds from initial public offering	480,000,000
Gross proceeds from over-allotment options	72,000,000
Payment of offering costs	(20,158,849)
Net cash provided by financing activities	536,866,151
Net increase in cash	296,913
Cash at beginning of the period	
Cash at end of the period	\$ 296,913
<b>Supplemental Disclosure of Non-cash Transaction:</b>	
Accrual of Offering Costs:	
Offering Costs	\$ 32,529
Accrued Offering Costs	(32,529)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

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#### **1. Organization**

Triplecrown Acquisition Corp. (the "Company") was incorporated in Delaware on June 8, 2007 as a blank check company to serve as a vehicle to effect a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or other similar business combination with one or more operating businesses in the financial services industry ("Business Combination").

All activity from June 8, 2007 (inception) through December 31, 2007 relates to the Company's formation and the public offering described below. The Company has selected December 31 as its fiscal year end.

#### **2. Business Operations**

The registration statement for the Company's initial public offering ("Offering") was declared effective October 22, 2007. The Company consummated the Offering on October 25, 2007 and received gross proceeds of \$552,000,000 and \$5,000,000 from the sale of Sponsors Warrants on a private placement basis (see Note 4). The Company's management has broad discretion with respect to the specific application of the net proceeds of this Offering, although substantially all of the net proceeds of the Offering are intended to be generally applied toward consummating a Business Combination. The Business Combination must be with a target business that has a fair market value of at least 80% of the balance in the trust account (excluding deferred underwriting discounts and commissions) at the time of such acquisition and operate in the financial services industry. Furthermore, there is no assurance that the Company will be able to successfully effect a Business Combination. An amount of \$536,930,000 (or approximately \$9.73 per unit) of the net proceeds of this Offering and the sale of the Sponsors' Warrants (see Note 4) is being held in a trust account ("Trust Account") and will be invested in United States government securities within the meaning of Section 2(a)(16) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 having a maturity of 180 days or less or in money market funds meeting certain conditions under Rule 2a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940 until the earlier of (i) the consummation of its initial Business Combination or (ii) liquidation of the Company. The placing of funds in the Trust Account may not protect those funds from third party claims against the Company. Although the Company will seek to have all vendors, prospective target businesses or other entities it engages, execute agreements with the Company waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies held in the Trust Account, there is no guarantee that they will execute such agreements. The Company's officers have agreed that they will be personally liable under certain circumstances to ensure that the proceeds in the Trust Account are not reduced by the claims of target businesses or vendors or other entities that are owed money by the Company for services rendered, contracted for or products sold to the Company. However, there can be no assurance that they will be able to satisfy those obligations. The remaining net proceeds (not held in the Trust Account) may be used to pay for business, legal and accounting due diligence on prospective acquisitions and continuing general and administrative expenses. Except with respect to interest income that may be released to the Company of (i) up to \$6,000,000 of interest accrued on the amount held in the Trust Account (plus taxes, if any, payable by the Company with respect to such interest) will be released by the Company in monthly installments to fund expenses related to investigating and selecting a target business and the Company's other working capital requirements and (ii) any additional amounts needed to pay income or other tax obligations. The proceeds held in trust will not be released from the trust account until the earlier of the completion of a Business Combination or the Company's liquidation.

The Company, after signing a definitive agreement for a Business Combination with a target business or businesses, is required to submit such transaction for stockholder approval. In the event that the stockholders owning 30% or more of the shares sold in the Offering vote against the Business Combination and exercise their conversion rights described below, the Business Combination will not be consummated. All of the Company's

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stockholders prior to the Offering, including all of the officers and directors of the Company ( Initial Stockholders ) have agreed to vote all of their founding shares of common stock in accordance with the vote of the majority in interest of all other stockholders of the Company ( Public Stockholders ) with respect to any Business Combination. After consummation of a Business Combination, these voting safeguards will no longer apply.

With respect to a Business Combination which is approved and consummated, any Public Stockholder who voted against the Business Combination may demand that the Company convert his or her shares into cash from the Trust Account. The per share conversion price will equal the amount in the Trust Account, calculated as of two business days prior to the consummation of the proposed Business Combination, divided by the number of shares of common stock held by Public Stockholders at the consummation of the Offering. Accordingly, Public Stockholders holding 30.00% less one share of the aggregate number of shares owned by all Public Stockholders may seek conversion of their shares in the event of a Business Combination. Such Public Stockholders are entitled to receive their per share interest in the Trust Account computed without regard to the shares held by Initial Stockholders.

The Company's Certificate of Incorporation was amended on October 22, 2007 to provide that the Company will continue in existence only until 24 months from the effective date of the registration statement relating to the Offering ( Effective Date ), or October 22, 2009. If the Company has not completed a Business Combination by such date, its corporate existence will cease except for the purposes of liquidating and winding up its affairs. In the event of liquidation, it is possible that the per share value of the residual assets remaining available for distribution (including Trust Account assets) will be less than the initial public offering price per Unit in the Offering.

**3. Significant Accounting Policies**

***Cash and Cash Equivalents:***

The Company considers all highly liquid instruments with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

***Earnings Per Share:***

The Company follows the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 128, Earnings Per Share . In accordance with SFAS No. 128, earnings per common share amounts ( Basic EPS ) were computed by dividing earnings by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Common shares subject to possible conversion of 16,559,999 have been excluded from the calculation of basic earnings per share since such shares, if redeemed, only participate in their pro rata shares of the trust earnings, such earnings as applicable are accrued to the value of the common stock subject to conversion. Earnings per common share amounts, assuming dilution ( Diluted EPS ), gives effect to dilutive options, warrants, and other potential common stock outstanding during the period. SFAS No. 128 requires the presentation of both Basic EPS and Diluted EPS on the face of the statements of operations. The effect of the 74,000,000 outstanding Warrants issued in connection with the Public Offering and the Private Placement described in Note 4 has not been considered in the diluted earnings per share calculation since the exercise of the Warrants are contingent upon the occurrence of future events, and therefore, is not includable in the calculation of diluted earnings per share in accordance with SFAS 128.



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***Concentration of Credit Risk:***

SFAS No. 105, Disclosure of Information about Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk and Financial Instruments with Concentration of Credit Risk, requires disclosure of significant concentrations of credit risks regardless of the degree of risk. At December 31, 2007, financial instruments that potentially expose the Company to credit risk consist of cash. The Company maintains its cash balances in various financial institutions. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures balances up to \$100,000 and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation insures balances up to \$500,000. At December 31, 2007, the uninsured balances amounted to approximately \$ 540,000,000. Management believes the risk of loss to be minimal.

***Fair Value of Financial Instruments:***

The carrying value of cash, cash held in Trust Account and accrued expenses are reasonable estimates of the fair values due to their short-term maturity.

***Cash Held in Trust Account:***

The Company considers the restricted portion of the funds held in the Trust Account as being a non-current asset. A current asset is one that is reasonably expected to be used to pay current liabilities, such as accounts payable or short-term debt or to pay current operating expenses, or will be used to acquire other current assets. Since the acquisition of a business is principally considered to be a long-term purpose, with long-term assets such as property and intangibles typically being a major part of the acquired assets, the Company has reported the funds anticipated to be used in the acquisition as a non-current asset.

***Income Taxes:***

Deferred income taxes, if applicable, are provided for the differences between the basis of assets and liabilities for financial reporting and income tax purposes. A valuation allowance is established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. Management did not record the impact of deferred income taxes as they were deemed immaterial.

***Use of Estimates:***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***New Accounting Pronouncements:***

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS 157 ). SFAS 157 clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. SFAS 157 requires fair value measurements to be separately disclosed by level within the fair value hierarchy. SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. SFAS 157 would have an impact on accounting for any business acquisition after the effective date of this pronouncement.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159 The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ( SFAS No. 159 ), which permits



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entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The fair value option established by this Statement permits all entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. A business entity shall report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. Adoption is required for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. Early adoption is permitted as of the beginning of a fiscal year that begins on or before November 15, 2007, provided the entity also elects to apply the provisions of SFAS No. 159. SFAS 159 would have an impact on accounting for any business acquisition after the effective date of this pronouncement.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141R (revised 2007), Business Combinations ( SFAS 141R ). SFAS 141R changes accounting for acquisitions that close beginning in 2009 in a number of areas including the treatment of contingent consideration, contingencies, acquisition costs, IPR&D and restructuring costs. More transactions and events will qualify as business combinations and will be accounted for at fair value under the new standard. SFAS 141R promotes greater use of fair values in financial reporting. In addition, under SFAS 141R, changes in deferred tax asset valuation allowances and acquired income tax uncertainties in a business combination after the measurement period will impact income tax expense. Some of the changes will introduce more volatility into earnings. SFAS 141R is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. SFAS 141R would have an impact on accounting for any business acquired after the effective date of this pronouncement.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51 ( SFAS 160 ). SFAS 160 will change the accounting and reporting for minority interests, which will be recharacterized as noncontrolling interests (NCI) and classified as a component of equity. This new consolidation method will significantly change the accounting for transactions with minority interest holders. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. SFAS 160 would have an impact on accounting for any business acquired after the effective date of this pronouncement.

In December 2007, the SEC staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin 110 ( SAB 110 ), Share-Based Payment, which amends SAB 107, Share-Based Payment, to permit public companies, under certain circumstances, to use the simplified method in SAB 107 for employee option grants after December 31, 2007. Use of the simplified method after December 2007 is permitted only for companies whose historical data about their employees' exercise behavior does not provide a reasonable basis for estimating the expected term of the options. The adoption of this pronouncement is not expected to have a material effect on our financial statements.

Management does not believe that any other recently issued, but not yet effective, accounting standards if currently adopted would have a material effect on the financial statements.

#### **4. Initial Public Offering**

On October 25, 2007, the Company sold 55,200,000 Units, including 7,200,000 units from the exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, at a offering price of \$10.00 per Unit. Each Unit consists of one share of the Company's common stock, \$.0001 par value, and one Redeemable Common Stock Purchase Warrant ( Warrant ). Each Warrant entitles the holder to purchase from the Company one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$7.50 commencing the later of the completion of a Business Combination or October 22, 2008 and expiring October 22, 2012. The Company may redeem the Warrants, at a price of \$0.01 per Warrant upon 30 days' notice after the Warrants become exercisable, only in the event that the last sale price of the common stock

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is at least \$13.75 per share for any 20 trading days within a 30 trading day period ending on the third day prior to the date on which the notice of redemption is given. In accordance with the warrant agreement relating to the Warrants sold and issued in the Offering, the Company is only required to use its best efforts to maintain the effectiveness of the registration statement covering the Warrants. The Company will not be obligated to deliver securities, and there are no contractual penalties for failure to deliver securities, if a registration statement is not effective at the time of exercise. Additionally, in the event that a registration is not effective at the time of exercise, the holder of such Warrant shall not be entitled to exercise such Warrant and in no event (whether in the case of a registration statement not being effective or otherwise) will the Company be required to settle the warrant exercise, whether by net cash settlement or otherwise. Consequently, the Warrants may expire unexercised, unredeemed and worthless, and an investor in the Offering may effectively pay the full Unit price solely for the shares of common stock included in the units (since the Warrants may expire worthless).

On October 25, 2007, pursuant to Subscription Agreements, dated July 10, 2007, Eric J. Watson, the Company's Chairman of the Board and Treasurer and Jonathan J. Leddecky, the Company's President and Secretary purchased from the Company, in the aggregate, 5,000,000 warrants for \$5,000,000 (the Sponsors' Warrants). The purchase and issuance of the Sponsors' Warrants occurred simultaneously with the consummation of the Offering on a private placement basis. The Company believes the purchase price of these warrants approximates the fair value of such warrants. All of the proceeds the Company received from these purchases were placed in the Trust Account. The Sponsors' Warrants are identical to the Warrants underlying the Units in the Offering except that if the Company calls the Warrants for redemption, the Sponsors' Warrants will be exercisable on a cashless basis and will not be redeemable by the Company so long as they are still held by the original purchasers or their affiliates. If the Company does not complete a Business Combination then the \$5,000,000 will be part of the liquidating distribution to the Company's public stockholders, and the Sponsors' Warrants will expire worthless. The purchasers of the Sponsors' Warrants have agreed that the Sponsors' Warrants will not be sold or transferred by them until after the Company has completed a business combination.

The Company's Initial Stockholders have waived their rights to participate in any liquidation distribution, but only with respect to those shares of common stock owned by them prior to the Offering; they will participate in any liquidation distribution with respect to any shares of common stock acquired in connection with or following the Offering.

#### **5. Notes Payable, Stockholders**

The Company issued two unsecured promissory notes for \$62,500 and \$50,000 (a total of \$112,500) to two Initial Stockholders, who are also officers and directors of the Company, as of June 18, 2007. The notes are non-interest bearing and became payable upon the consummation of the Offering. These notes were repaid as of November 20, 2007.

#### **6. Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company entered into an agreement with the underwriters of the Offering (the Underwriting Agreement). The Underwriting Agreement requires the Company to pay 3.5% of the gross proceeds of the Offering as an underwriting discount plus an additional 3.5% of the gross proceeds only upon consummation of a Business Combination. The Company paid an underwriting discount of 3.5% of the gross proceeds (\$19,320,000) in connection with the consummation of the Offering and has placed 3.5% of the gross proceeds (\$19,320,000) in the Trust Account. The Company did not pay any discount related to the Sponsors' Warrants sold in the private placement. The underwriters have waived their right to receive payment of the 3.5% of the gross proceeds upon the Company's liquidation if it is unable to complete a Business Combination.

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The Initial Stockholders and holders of the Sponsors' Warrants (or underlying securities) will be entitled to registration rights with respect to their Founders' Units or Sponsors' Warrants (or underlying securities), as the case may be, pursuant to an agreement dated October 22, 2007. The holders of the majority of the Founders' Units (and underlying securities) are entitled to demand that the Company register the resale of these securities at any time commencing nine months after the consummation of a Business Combination. The holders of the Sponsors' Warrants (or underlying securities) are entitled to demand that the Company register such securities at any time after the Company consummates a Business Combination. The sponsors' warrants are not transferable or salable by the purchasers (subject to limited exceptions including the transferee agreeing to be bound to such transfer restrictions) until the Company completes a business combination, and are exercisable on a cashless basis and will be non-redeemable by the Company so long as they are held by the purchasers or their affiliates. In addition, the Initial Stockholders and holders of the Sponsors' Warrants (or underlying securities) have certain piggy-back registration rights on registration statements filed after the Company's consummation of a Business Combination.

The Company hired a consultant on March 20, 2008 to perform services through the earlier of March 20, 2009 or completion of a business combination. The Company will pay the consultant a base salary of £33,000.00 per year.

#### **7. Preferred Stock**

The Company is authorized to issue 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock with such designations, voting and other rights and preferences as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

The underwriting agreement prohibits the Company, prior to a Business Combination, from issuing preferred stock which participates in the proceeds of the Trust Account or which votes as a class with the common stock on a Business Combination.

#### **8. Common Stock**

On September 19, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a dividend of one warrant to purchase one share of common stock for each outstanding share of founders' common stock. As a result, the Initial Stockholders effectively hold units ( Founders' Units ).

Effective October 22, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a unit dividend of 0.2 units for each outstanding unit. On October 22, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized shares of common stock from 75,000,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$.0001 to 160,000,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$.0001. All references in the accompanying financial statements as of December 31, 2007 and for the period June 8, 2007 (inception) to December 31, 2007 to the number of shares of common stock have been retroactively restated to reflect this transaction.

As of December 31, 2007, there were 74,000,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon exercise of warrants and the Sponsors' Warrants.

#### **9. Income Taxes**

Effective June 8, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an interpretation of FASB

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Statement No. 109 (FIN 48). There were no unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2007. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and a measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. For those benefits to be recognized, a tax position must be more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim period, disclosure and transition.

The Company has identified its federal tax return and its state tax return in Wyoming as its major tax jurisdiction, as defined. Based on the Company's evaluation, it has been concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions requiring recognition in the Company's financial statements. Since the Company was incorporated on June 8, 2007 the evaluation was performed for the 2007 tax year. The Company believes that its income tax positions and deductions would be sustained on audit and does not anticipate any adjustments that would result in a material change to its financial position. No liability for unrecognized tax benefits was required to be reported at December 31, 2007.

The Company's policy for recording interest and penalties associated with audits is to record such items as a component of income tax expense. There were no amounts accrued for penalties or interest as of or during the period from June 8, 2007 (inception) through December 31, 2007. The Company does not expect its unrecognized tax benefit position to change during the next twelve months. Management is currently unaware of any issues under review that could result in significant payments, accruals or material deviations from its position. The adoption of the provisions of FIN 48 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

At December 31, 2007, the Company had no deferred tax asset. Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of operating losses and other temporary differences between carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which temporary differences representing net future deductible amounts become deductible. SFAS No. 109 requires that a valuation allowance be established when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of deferred tax assets will not be realized. A review of all available positive and negative evidence needs to be considered, including a company's performance, the market environment in which the company operates, the length of carryback and carryforward periods, and expectations of future profits.

A reconciliation between the effective rate for income taxes and the amount computed by applying the statutory Federal income tax rate to income (loss) from continuing operations before provision for income taxes is as follows:

	<b>For the Period from June 8, 2007 (Inception) through December 31, 2007</b>
Tax provision at statutory rate	34%
Personal Holding Company taxes (net of federal tax benefit)	10%
Effect of adjustments and non-deductible items	2%
	46%

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Corporate taxes payable as of December 31, 2007 consisted of the following:

Federal income tax	\$ 1,568,439
	\$ 1,568,439

The provision for income tax consists of the following:

	For the Period from June 8, 2007 (Inception) through December 31, 2007
Current:	
Federal	\$ 1,568,439
State and Local	
Deferred	
Federal	
State and Local	
Total provision for income taxes	\$ 1,568,439

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Section 13 or 15 or 15(d) 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 on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2008.

**TRIPLECROWN ACQUISITION CORP.**

By: /s/ JONATHAN J. LEDECKY  
**Jonathan J. Ledecy**  
**President and Secretary**  
**(Principal Executive Officer)**

In accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ ERIC J. WATSON <b>Eric J. Watson</b>	Chairman of the Board and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 31, 2008
/s/ JONATHAN J. LEDECKY <b>Jonathan J. Ledecy</b>	President, Secretary and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 31, 2008
/s/ JAY H. NUSSBAUM <b>Jay H. Nussbaum</b>	Director	March 31, 2008
/s/ KERRY KENNEDY <b>Kerry Kennedy</b>	Director	March 31, 2008
/s/ ROBERT B. HERSOV <b>Robert B. Hersov</b>	Director	March 31, 2008
/s/ EDWARD J. MATHIAS <b>Edward J. Mathias</b>	Director	March 31, 2008
/s/ RICHARD Y. ROBERTS <b>Richard Y. Roberts</b>	Director	March 31, 2008
/s/ JIMMIE LEE SOLOMON, JR. <b>Jimmie Lee Solomon, Jr.</b>	Director	March 31, 2008
/s/ JIM GRAY <b>Jim Gray</b>	Director	March 31, 2008



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/s/ RICHARD A. STEIN

Director

March 31, 2008

**Richard A. Stein**

/s/ EDWARD HANSON

Director

March 31, 2008

**Edward Hanson**