

BKF Capital Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Annual Report
for the Year Ended December 31, 2017

BKF Capital Group, Inc.
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Business

Overview

BKF Capital Capital Group, Inc., (“we,” “us,” “our,” “BKF” or the “Company”) was incorporated in Delaware in 1954. The Company was formerly Baker, Fentress & Company and operated as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Pursuant to a Plan for Distribution of Assets adopted on August 19, 1999, BKF sold substantially all of its investment securities and distributed the cash proceeds, along with shares of its largest investment, to its stockholders. These distributions were completed by January 7, 2000. On April 18, 2000, BKF received a deregistration order from the Securities and Exchange Commission, which completed BKF's transformation from an investment company to an operating company.

Since then, The Company operates through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, BKF Investment Group, Inc., formerly known as BKF Management Co., Inc. ("BIG") and BKF Asset Holdings, Inc. (“BAH”) all of which are collectively referred to herein as the "Company" or "BKF." The consolidated financial statements of BKF, BIG and BIG's two wholly owned subsidiaries BKF Advisors, Inc. (“BA”) and BKF Asset Management, Inc., ("BAM") and BAM's two wholly-owned subsidiaries, BKF GP, Inc. (“BGP”) and LEVCO Securities, Inc. ("LEVCO"). On November 27, 2012 LEVCO was dissolved. On December 19, 2016 BA was dissolved.

The Company operated in the investment advisory and asset management business entirely through BAM, which was a registered investment adviser with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). BAM specialized in managing equity portfolios for institutional investors through its long-only equity and alternative investment strategies. BAM withdrew its registration as a registered investment advisor on December 19, 2006 and ceased operating in the investment advisory and asset management business. LEVCO, a subsidiary of BAM, was a broker dealer registered with the SEC and a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (now known as the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority). LEVCO withdrew its registration as a broker-dealer on November 30, 2006 and ceased operating as a broker dealer. BGP, the other subsidiary of BAM, acts as the managing general partner of several affiliated investment partnerships which have been in the process of being liquidated and dissolved since 2006.

Since January 1, 2007, the Company has had no operating business and no assets under management. The Company's principal assets consist of a significant cash position, investments in securities, sizable net operating tax losses to potentially carry forward, and its status as a publicly traded Exchange Act reporting company. BKF's current revenue stream will not be sufficient to cover BKF's ongoing expenses, however the Company has enough cash to continue in operation beyond the upcoming year.

Our principal executive office is located at 31248 Oak Crest Drive, Suite 110, Westlake Village, California 91361 and the telephone number is (805) 484-8855. Our website address is www.bkfcapital.com.

Strategy

BKF is looking to generate value opportunities where a creative approach to capital can create mutually beneficial results for not only our shareholders but for our acquired businesses and their management teams. BKF intends to operate as a merchant bank, providing capital to companies primarily in the form of share ownership as opposed to debt instruments. We also provide advisory services on corporate matters to the firms in which we invest, including mergers & acquisitions, investment banking, and general operations and financial management.

The Company is also seeking to arrange for a merger, acquisition, business combination or other arrangement by and between the Company and a viable operating entity. The Company shall endeavor to utilize some or all of the Company's net operating loss carryforwards in connection with a business combination transaction; however, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to utilize any of its net operating loss carryforwards. The Company has not identified a viable operating entity for a merger, acquisition, business combination or other arrangement, and there can be no assurance that the Company will ever successfully arrange

for a merger, acquisition, business combination or other arrangement by and between the Company and a viable operating entity.

The Company anticipates that the selection of a business opportunity will be a complex process and will involve a number of risks, because potentially available business opportunities may occur in many different industries and may be in various stages of development. Due in part to depressed economic conditions in a number of geographic areas and shortages of available capital, management believes that there are numerous firms seeking either the additional capital which the Company has or the benefits of a publicly traded corporation, or both. The perceived benefits of a publicly traded corporation may include facilitating or improving the terms upon which additional equity financing may be sought, providing liquidity for principal shareholders, creating a means for providing incentive stock options or similar benefits to key employees, providing liquidity for all shareholders and other factors.

In some cases, management of the Company will have the authority to effect acquisitions without submitting the proposal to the shareholders for their consideration. In some instances, however, the proposed participation in a business opportunity may be submitted to the shareholders for their consideration, either voluntarily by the Board of Directors to seek the shareholders' advice and consent, or because of a requirement of State law to do so.

In seeking to arrange a merger, acquisition, business combination or other arrangement by and between the Company and a viable operating entity, the Company's objective will be to obtain long-term capital appreciation for the Company's shareholders. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to complete any merger, acquisition, business combination or other arrangement by and between the Company and a viable operating entity.

The Company may need additional funds in order to effectuate a merger, acquisition or other arrangement by and between the Company and a viable operating entity, although there is no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain such additional funds, if needed. Even if the Company is able to obtain additional funds there is no assurance that the Company will be able to effectuate a merger, acquisition or other arrangement by and between the Company and a viable operating entity.

Market Information

The Company's common stock is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board and traded under the symbol "BKFG". The following table sets forth the range of high and low prices for the Company's common stock for the periods indicated. These prices represent reported transactions between dealers that do not include retail markups, markdowns or commissions, and do not necessarily represent actual transactions.

OTC Bulletin Board securities are not listed or traded on the floor of an organized national or regional stock exchange. Instead, OTC Bulletin Board securities transactions are conducted through a telephone and computer network connecting dealers in stocks. OTC Bulletin Board issuers are traditionally smaller companies that do not meet the financial and other listing requirements of a regional or national stock exchange.

COMMON STOCK

<u>Year / Fiscal Period</u>	<u>High (\$)</u>	<u>Low (\$)</u>
<u>2017</u>		
Fourth Quarter	15.00	8.00
Third Quarter	9.00	7.50
Second Quarter	7.50	7.25
First Quarter	8.00	6.50
<u>2016</u>		
Fourth Quarter	8.50	6.50
Third Quarter	7.50	6.50
Second Quarter	8.00	7.10
First Quarter	7.50	7.00

As of May 11, 2018, the opening and closing price of the Company's common stock was \$10.95 and \$10.95, respectively.

Holdings of Record

As of May 11, 2018, the Company had approximately 345 shareholders of record of its common stock, \$1.00 par value.

Dividend Policy

We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings for use in the operation of our business and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future, if at all. Any future determination to declare cash dividends will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, general business conditions and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant.

Other Information

The Company's securities were registered under Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). On May 20, 2015, we filed Form 15 to terminate the registration and reporting obligations under Section 12(g). Since May 20, 2015, we make available our annual financial statements, quarterly financial statements, and other significant reports and amendments to such reports, free of charge, on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are prepared. Our website address is www.bkfcapital.com.

Officers and Directors

The following table sets forth the name, age and position of each of our directors, executive officers and significant employees as of December 31, 2017. Each director will hold office until the next annual meeting of our stockholders or until his or her successor has been elected and qualified. Our executive officers are appointed by, and serve at the discretion of, the Board of Directors.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>
Steven N. Bronson	52	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President
Leonard A. Hagan	66	Director
David S. Burnett	51	Chief Financial Officer

Steven N. Bronson. Mr. Bronson has over 34 years of business and entrepreneurial experience. His successful background in investment banking and principal investing has led to him taking executive positions in several companies. Mr. Bronson became the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the board of directors of Interlink Electronics, Inc. (NASDAQ: LINK) in July 2010, and added the role of President in March 2011. Interlink is a global trusted advisor and technology partner in the advancing world of human-machine interface (HMI) and force-sensing technologies.

In July 2013, Mr. Bronson assumed the positions of President and Chief Executive Officer of Qualstar Corporation (NASDAQ: QBAK), a high-quality tape library manufacturer, and its subsidiary N2Power, a manufacturer of high efficiency power supplies for diverse electronics industries. Since October 2008, Mr. Bronson also has served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Ridgefield Acquisition Corp (OTCMKTS: RDGA). Mr. Bronson currently holds Series 4, 7, 24, 53, 55, 63, 65, 66 and 79 licenses.

Leonard A. Hagan. Mr. Hagan is a Certified Public Accountant and has been a partner of Hagan & Burns CPAs PC (H&B) since its inception in January 1993. Prior to forming H&B, he conducted business for three years as a sole practitioner, Leonard A. Hagan CPA, as well as a partner for three years with Bernstein, Bernstein & Hagan CPAs. His securities industry experience came from working for three years with Credit Suisse (now Credit

Suisse First Boston). At Credit Suisse, he was an assistant treasurer, responsible for conducting basic accounting research. Prior to this, he was a staff accountant at Ernst & Whinney/S.D. Leidesdorf for 6 years. Mr. Hagan received a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Economics from Ithaca College in 1974, and earned his Masters of Business Administration degree from Cornell University in 1976. Mr. Hagan also holds a Series 27 license and is registered as the Financial and Operations Principal for the following broker-dealers registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission: Livingston Securities, LLC, Spoke Financial, LLC and Core Financial, LLC. Mr. Hagan is also a director of Qualstar Corporation and Ridgefield Acquisition Corp, both publicly traded corporations.

David S. Burnett. Mr. Burnett has over 27 years of diverse financial leadership experience. In addition to serving as our Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Burnett serves as Chief Financial Officer of Interlink Electronics, Inc. Mr. Burnett previously served as Chief Financial Officer of Palmetto Clean Technology, Inc., a privately-held company offering clean energy solutions, and in various management positions with EnPro Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NPO), most recently Vice President and Treasurer. EnPro Industries is a diversified manufacturer of proprietary engineered products used in critical applications.

Prior to joining EnPro, Mr. Burnett was a Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Charlotte, North Carolina office, and in the Washington National Tax Services office in Washington, DC. Prior to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, he was a Senior Manager in Grant Thornton LLP's Office of Federal Tax Services in Washington, D.C. Mr. Burnett received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Accounting) from Old Dominion University, and a Master of Science in Taxation from Golden Gate University. He is both a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Treasury Professional.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of

BKF Capital Group, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of BKF Capital Group, Inc. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in stockholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the two year period ended December 31, 2017 and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the two year period ended December 31, 2017, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, 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.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ RBSM LLP

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 2016

Henderson, Nevada

May 11, 2018

BKF CAPITAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 685	\$ 848
Investments, marketable securities	3,489	1,798
Investments, equity method	3,217	2,954
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,393</u>	<u>\$ 5,600</u>
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Accrued expenses	\$ 14	\$ 49
Accrued expenses-related party	5	12
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 19</u>	<u>\$ 61</u>
Commitments and Contingencies	\$ -	\$ -
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock, \$1 par value, authorized — 15,000,000 shares, 708,726 and 711,816 issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively ¹	\$ 709	\$ 712
Additional paid-in capital	74,758	74,782
Accumulated deficit	(70,550)	(70,698)
Accumulated other comprehensive gain	2,457	743
Total stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 7,374</u>	<u>\$ 5,539</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 7,393</u>	<u>\$ 5,600</u>

¹ Issued and outstanding share amounts reflect the one for ten reverse stock split effected on October 11, 2016

See accompanying notes that are integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

BKF CAPITAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(Dollar amounts in thousands, except for share and per share data)

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Expenses:		
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 97	\$ 97
Legal and Professional Fees	208	122
Licenses and Fees	28	19
Other operating expenses	4	15
Total expenses	<u>\$ 337</u>	<u>\$ 253</u>
Non-operating income (expense):		
Interest income (expense), net	\$ -	\$ 1
Gain on equity investments, net	263	41
Realized gain (loss) on marketable securities, net	196	-
Other miscellaneous income (expense), net	26	-
Total non-operating income (expense):	<u>\$ 485</u>	<u>\$ 42</u>
Net income (loss) before income taxes	<u>\$ 148</u>	<u>\$ (211)</u>
Income tax benefit (expense), net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net income (loss) after taxes	<u><u>\$ 148</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (211)</u></u>
Income (loss) per share ²		
Basic and diluted	<u>0.21</u>	<u>(0.30)</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding basic and diluted	<u>710,936</u>	<u>714,820</u>
Net income (loss) after taxes	\$ 148	\$ (211)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities, net of tax	1,714	743
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ 1,862</u>	<u>\$ 532</u>

² All per-share and weighted-average share amounts have been adjusted to retroactively reflect the one for ten reverse stock split effected on October 11, 2016.

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BKF CAPITAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Dollar amounts in thousands, except share data)

	Shares ³	Common Stock Amount	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated deficit	Comprehensive gain or loss	Total
Balance at December 31, 2015	716,737	\$ 717	\$ 74,816	\$ (70,487)	\$ -	\$ 5,046
Repurchase of Stock	(4,921)	(5)	(34)	-	-	(39)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	743	743
Net Loss	-	-	-	(211)	-	(211)
Balance at December 31, 2016	711,816	\$ 712	\$ 74,782	\$ (70,698)	\$ 743	\$ 5,539
Repurchase of Stock	(3,090)	(3)	(24)	-	-	(27)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	1,714	1,714
Net Income	-	-	-	148	-	148
Balance at December 31, 2017	<u>708,726</u>	<u>\$ 709</u>	<u>\$ 74,758</u>	<u>\$ (70,550)</u>	<u>\$ 2,457</u>	<u>\$ 7,374</u>

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BKF CAPITAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Operating activities:		
Net income (loss) after taxes	\$ 148	\$ (211)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operations:		
(Gain) on equity investment, net	(263)	(41)
Realized (gain) on marketable securities, net	(196)	-
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (Increase) in prepaid expenses and other assets	(2)	5
(Decrease) in accrued expenses-related party	(7)	(12)
(Decrease) in accrued expenses	(35)	(56)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	\$ <u>(355)</u>	\$ <u>(315)</u>
Investing activities:		
Repurchase of stock	\$ (27)	\$ (39)
Proceeds from the sale of marketable securities	283	-
Purchases of marketable securities	(62)	(1,056)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	\$ <u>192</u>	\$ <u>(1,095)</u>
Financing activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (163)	\$ (1,410)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	848	2,258
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	\$ <u>685</u>	\$ <u>848</u>
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	\$ <u>1,714</u>	\$ <u>743</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

See accompanying notes that are integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

BKF CAPITAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Basis of Presentation

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BKF presently operates through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, BKF Investment Group, Inc., formerly known as BKF Management Co., Inc. (“BIG”), and BKF Asset Holdings, Inc. (“BAH”). The Company trades on the Over the Counter (“OTC”) market under the ticker symbol “BKFG”.

The consolidated financial statements of BKF include BAH, BIG and BIG's two wholly owned subsidiaries BKF Advisors, Inc. (“BA”) and BKF Asset Management, Inc., (“BAM”), and BAM's wholly-owned subsidiary, BKF GP, Inc. (“BGP”). On December 19, 2016 BA was dissolved.

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Principles of Consolidation and Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the consolidated accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) and in accordance with Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and disclosures made in the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements. Management regularly evaluates estimates and assumptions related to revenue recognition, allowances for doubtful accounts, various reserves, fair value, useful lives, asset retirement obligations, and deferred income tax asset valuation allowances. These estimates and assumptions are based on current facts, historical experience and various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The actual results we experience may differ materially and adversely from our original estimates. To the extent there are material differences between the estimates and the actual results, our future results of operations will be affected.

Cash, and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid debt investments with original maturities from the date of purchase of three months or less as cash equivalents. Cash equivalents can include investments such as corporate debt, financial institution instruments, government debt. The Company maintains substantially all of its cash and cash equivalents invested in interest bearing instruments at a nationally recognized financial institution and two licensed investment advisory firms. At times, cash balances may exceed federally insured limits. As a result, the Company is exposed to credit risk related to the money market funds and the market rate inherent in those funds.

Trading Assets

Marketable debt instruments would generally be designated as trading assets when a market risk is economically hedged at inception with a related derivative instrument, or when the marketable debt instrument itself is used to economically hedge currency exchange rate risk from remeasurement. Investments designated as trading assets are reported at fair value.

Available-for-Sale Investments

Available-for-sale investments are classified within cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, or long-term investments based on the remaining maturity of the investment. Investments designated as available-for-sale are reported at fair value, with unrealized gains or losses, net of tax, recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), except as noted in the "Other-Than-Temporary Impairment" section. We determine the cost of the investment sold based on an average cost basis at the individual security level. Our available-for-sale investments include:

- Marketable debt instruments when the interest rate and foreign currency risks are not hedged at the inception of the investment or when our criteria for designation as trading assets are not met. We record the interest income and realized gains or losses on the sale of these instruments in interest and other, net.
- Marketable equity securities when there is no plan to sell or hedge the investment at the time of original classification. We acquire these equity investments to promote business and strategic objectives. We record the realized gains or losses on the sale or exchange of marketable equity securities in gains (losses) on equity investments, net.

Non-Marketable and Other Equity Investments

We may invest in non-marketable equity instruments of private companies, which range from early-stage companies that are often still defining their strategic direction to more mature companies with established revenue streams and business models. Non-marketable equity and other equity investments are included in other long-term assets. We account for non-marketable equity and other equity investments for which we do not have control over the investee as:

- Equity method investments when we have the ability to exercise significant influence, but not control, over the investee. This is generally deemed to be the when we control 20%-50% of the decision-making ability over the investment entity's operations. Equity method investments may include marketable and non-marketable investments. Our proportionate share of the income or loss is recognized on a one-quarter lag and is recorded in gains (losses) on equity investments, net.
- Non-marketable cost method investments when the equity method does not apply.

Significant judgment is required to identify whether an impairment exists in the valuation of our non-marketable equity investments portfolio, and therefore we consider this a critical accounting estimate. Our quarterly analysis considers both qualitative and quantitative factors that may have a significant impact on the investee's fair value. Qualitative analysis of our investments involves understanding the financial performance and near-term prospects of the investee, changes in general market conditions in the investee's industry or geographic area, and the management and governance structure of the investee. Quantitative assessments of the fair value of our investments are developed using the market and income approaches. The market approach includes the use of comparable

financial metrics of private and public companies and recent financing rounds. The income approach includes the use of a discounted cash flow model, which requires significant estimates regarding the investees' revenue, costs, and discount rates. Our assessment of these factors in determining whether an impairment exists could change in the future due to new developments or changes in applied assumptions.

Other-Than-Temporary Impairment

Our available-for-sale investments and non-marketable and other equity investments are subject to a periodic impairment review. Impairments affect earnings as follows:

- Marketable debt instruments when the fair value is below amortized cost and we intend to sell the instrument, or when it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the instrument before recovery of its amortized cost basis, or when we do not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the instrument (that is, a credit loss exists). When we do not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the instrument, we separate other-than-temporary impairments into amounts representing credit losses, which are recognized in interest and other, net, and amounts not related to credit losses, which are recognized in other comprehensive income (loss).
- Marketable equity securities include the consideration of general market conditions, the duration and extent to which the fair value is below cost, and our ability and intent to hold the investment for a sufficient period of time to allow for recovery of value in the foreseeable future. We also consider specific adverse conditions related to the financial health of, and the business outlook for, the investee, which may include industry and sector performance, changes in technology, operational and financing cash flow factors, and changes in the investee's credit rating. We record other-than-temporary impairments on marketable equity securities and marketable equity method investments in gains (losses) on equity investments, net.
- Non-marketable equity investments based on our assessment of the severity and duration of the impairment, and qualitative and quantitative analysis of the operating performance of the investee; adverse changes in market conditions and the regulatory or economic environment; changes in operating structure or management of the investee; additional funding requirements; and the investee's ability to remain in business. We record other-than-temporary impairments for non-marketable cost method investments and equity method investments in gains (losses) on equity investments, net.

Investments in Affiliated Investment Partnerships

BKF GP served as the managing general partner for several affiliated investment partnerships ("AIP"), which primarily engaged in the trading of publicly traded equity securities, and in the case of one partnership, distressed corporate debt. Currently all AIP activities have been terminated and BKF GP is in the process of dissolving those partnerships.

Income Taxes

We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method, whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. We assess the likelihood that our deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income and to the extent we believe that recovery is not determinable beyond a "more likely than not" standard, we establish a valuation allowance. To the extent we establish a valuation allowance or increase or decrease this allowance in a period, we include an expense or benefit within the tax provision in the statement of operations. We also utilize a "more likely than not" recognition threshold and measurement analysis for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The Company does not have any uncertain tax positions. We recognize potential accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within the consolidated statements of operations as income tax expense.

Earnings Per Share

Basic income (loss) per common share is calculated by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Diluted income per common share is calculated by adjusting outstanding shares, assuming conversion of all potentially dilutive convertible equity instruments consisting of options. There is no difference in the calculation of basic and diluted income per share for 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Related Parties

The Company defines a related person as any director, executive officer, nominee for director, or greater than 5% beneficial owner of our common stock, in each case since the beginning of the most recently completed year, and any of their immediate family members. Transactions with related parties are conducted on terms equivalent to those prevailing in arm's-length transactions with unrelated parties.

Fair Values of Financial Instruments

We determine fair value measurements based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, we follow the following fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between (1) market participant assumptions developed based on market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and (2) our own assumptions about market participant assumptions developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs):

- Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Level 2: Other inputs observable directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or market-corroborate inputs; and
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data and which requires the owner of the assets or liabilities to develop its own assumptions about how market participants would price these assets or liabilities.

Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the valuation of assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy.

Recent Accounting Developments

In January 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2016-01, "*Financial Instruments—Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*", that amends existing guidance around classification and measurement of certain financial assets and liabilities. Changes to the current GAAP model primarily affect the accounting for equity investments, financial liabilities under the fair value option, and the presentation and disclosure requirements for financial instruments. Under the new guidance, all equity investments in unconsolidated entities (other than those accounted for using the equity method of accounting) will generally be measured at fair value through earnings. For equity investments without readily determinable fair values, the cost method is also eliminated. However, most entities will be able to elect to record equity investments without readily determinable fair values at cost, less impairment, and plus or minus subsequent adjustments for observable price changes. The standard also requires that financial assets and liabilities be disclosed separately in the notes to the financial statements based on measurement principle and form of financial asset. The amendments in this guidance are effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. When we adopt this standard in the first quarter of 2018, we will no longer classify equity investments as trading or available-for-sale, and we will no longer recognize unrealized holding gains and losses on marketable securities which we classify today as available-for-sale in other comprehensive income. We will record a cumulative-effect adjustment to the statement of financial position as of the beginning of fiscal year 2018, and unrealized gains and losses reported in accumulated other comprehensive income for available-for-sale marketable securities will be reclassified to beginning retained earnings. This reclassification is expected to be \$2.5 million.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, “*Leases (Topic 842)*”, which replaces the existing guidance in ASC Topic 840, “*Leases*”. The new standard establishes a right-of-use (ROU) model that requires a lessee to record a ROU asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the income statement. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years and requires retrospective application. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of ASU 2016-02 to its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, “*Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payment*,” which clarifies how cash receipts and cash payments in certain transactions are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. The effective date of this update is for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017, with early adoption permitted. The update requires retrospective application to all periods presented but may be applied prospectively if retrospective application is impracticable. The Company early adopted ASU No. 2016-15 effective January 1, 2017 and applied it retroactively. There was no impact on our consolidated financial statements. Under the ASU, the Company elected a “cumulative earnings approach” policy related to distributions received from equity method investments. Under the cumulative earnings approach, the Company will compare the distributions received to its cumulative equity-method earnings since inception. Any distributions received up to the amount of cumulative equity earnings would be considered a return on investment and classified in operating activities. Any excess distributions would be considered a return of investment and classified in investing activities. There were no distributions received equity method investments in 2016 or 2017.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, “*Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business*”, clarifying the definition of a business, reducing the number of transactions that need to be further evaluated and providing a framework to assist entities in evaluating whether both an input and a substantive process are present. The amendments in the ASU specify that when the fair value of the gross assets acquired or disposed of is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or a group of similar identifiable assets, the integrated set of assets and activities is not a business. The guidance also requires that an integrated set of assets and activities must include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create output to be considered a business and removes the evaluation of whether a market participant could replace the missing elements. The ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted. The Company does not expect the impact on our consolidated financial statements to be material.

We reviewed all other recently issued accounting pronouncements and concluded they are not applicable or not expected to be material to our consolidated financial statements.

Reclassification

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified for consistency with the current period presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported results of operations.

NOTE 2. CONCENTRATIONS

The Company had amounts in excess of \$250,000 in a single bank during the year. Amounts over \$250,000 are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In addition, the Company held cash and cash equivalents in brokerage accounts, none of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Management regularly monitors the financial institutions, together with its cash balances, and tries to keep this potential risk to a minimum.

NOTE 3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Interlink Electronics, Inc. (NASDAQ: LINK)

We entered into an agreement, dated March 1, 2016 with Interlink Electronics, Inc. (“Interlink”). Pursuant to the agreement, BKF occupies and uses one furnished office, telephone and other services, located at Interlink’s corporate offices in Westlake Village, CA, for a fee of \$1,000 per month. The agreement was amended effective February 1, 2017 reducing the fee to \$250 per month. In addition, Interlink will occasionally pay administrative expenses on behalf of BKF, and BKF will reimburse Interlink. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, BKF paid \$4,000 and \$12,000, respectively to Interlink. Steven N. Bronson, our Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, is also the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and majority shareholder of Interlink. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, we owed Interlink \$0 and \$1,000, respectively.

On March 1, 2018, subsequent to year-end, BKF leased executive office space in Charleston, SC. Interlink intends to use a portion of this office space for a fee of \$2,465 per month. BKF still intends to utilize a portion of the Interlink offices in California for a fee of \$250 per month. Effective March 1, 2018 we modified the existing agreement and entered into a cost-sharing agreement with Interlink that calls for a monthly net settlement of all shared costs between the use of the California and the South Carolina offices, including rent, administrative expenses and similar costs.

Ridgefield Acquisition Corp. (OTC: RDGA)

Ridgefield Acquisition Corp. (“Ridgefield”) occupies a portion of the offices occupied by BKF Capital Group, Inc., on a month to month basis for a rental fee of \$50 per month, intended to cover administrative costs. Steven N. Bronson, the Company's Chairman, CEO, and majority shareholder, is also the Chairman, CEO and majority shareholder of Ridgefield. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, Ridgefield owed us \$1,900 and \$1,300, respectively.

NOTE 4. INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATED COMPANIES

Equity method investments in unconsolidated affiliated companies were as follows:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	Qualstar Corporation	Interlink Electronics, Inc.	TOTAL
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 256	\$ 2,657	\$ 2,913
Proportional share of net income (loss) ⁴	(256)	297	41
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ -	\$ 2,954	\$ 2,954
Proportional share of net income (loss) ⁴	-	263	263
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$ -	\$ 3,217	\$ 3,217

Qualstar Corporation (NASDAQ: QBAK)

On July 3, 2013, Steven Bronson, BKF’s Chairman, was appointed the interim Chief Executive Officer and President of Qualstar Corporation (“Qualstar”). This resulted in the 18.3% of the Company’s ownership in Qualstar to be accounted for using the equity method, a change from the available for sale method, on the basis that BKF can assert significant influence over the operations of Qualstar.

⁴ Limited to the carrying value of the investment

At December 31, 2017 and 2016 the Company held 548,084 common shares of Qualstar, representing approximately 26.84% of the outstanding shares. The investment in Qualstar was \$0 at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company would have been allocated a loss on its investment in Qualstar of approximately \$117,000 and \$330,000, respectively. However, under the equity method of investment the loss is restricted to the carrying value of the investment, thus the Company recognized loss of only \$256,000 out of \$330,000 as at December 31, 2016, and \$0 out of \$117,000 at December 31, 2017. These losses do not include the quarterly results of Qualstar as of December 31, 2017. Therefore, all balances related to the Company's investment in Qualstar are recorded on a three-month (quarterly) lag. This lag is consistent from period to period. The financial results for Qualstar's quarters ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were available prior to the preparation of our financial statements. If those results had been included the investment would still be limited to \$0 at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Summarized financial information for Qualstar is as follows:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Balance sheet:		
Current assets	\$ 8,327	\$ 6,900
Non-current assets	240	363
Total assets	<u>\$ 8,567</u>	<u>\$ 7,263</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 2,526	\$ 2,256
Other long-term liabilities	145	168
Total liabilities	\$ 2,671	\$ 2,424
Commitments and contingencies	\$ -	\$ -
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 5,896	\$ 4,839
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 8,567</u>	<u>\$ 7,263</u>
Results of Operations:		
Net revenues	\$ 10,641	\$ 9,417
Cost of goods sold	6,392	6,824
Gross profit	\$ 4,249	\$ 2,593
Operating expenses	\$ 3,592	\$ 3,806
Income (loss) from operations	\$ 657	\$ (1,213)
Other income (expense)	-	3
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$ 17	\$ -
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 640</u>	<u>\$ (1,210)</u>

The fair market value of the Company's shares in Qualstar was approximately \$4.6 million and \$1.6 million at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, our cost-basis investment in Qualstar in the aggregate exceeded our proportionate share of the net assets of this equity method investee by approximately \$3.6 million and \$3.3 million, respectively. This difference is not amortized.

Interlink Electronics (NASDAQ: LINK)

At December 31, 2017 and 2016 the Company held 875,490 and 875,388 shares of Interlink Electronics which represents approximately 11.93% of Interlink's outstanding shares in both years. Steven N. Bronson, BKF's Chairman, CEO, and majority shareholder, is also the Chairman, CEO, and majority shareholder of Interlink. Mr. Bronson can significantly influence the operational decisions at Interlink, thus the equity method is being used to account for this investment.

The investment in Interlink was approximately \$3.2 million and \$2.9 million at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company recorded a gain on its investment in Interlink of approximately \$263,000 and \$297,000, respectively. These gains do not include the quarterly results of Interlink as of December 31, 2017. Therefore, all balances related to the Company's investment in Interlink are recorded on a three-month (quarterly) lag. This lag is consistent from period to period. The financial results for Interlink's quarters ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were available prior to the preparation of our financial statements. If those results had been included the investment would have been approximately \$3.2 million and \$3.0 million at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Summarized financial information for Interlink is as follows:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Balance sheet:		
Current assets	\$ 10,684	\$ 9,385
Non-current assets	1,146	1,086
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,830</u>	<u>\$ 10,471</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 703	\$ 873
Other long-term liabilities	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 703</u>	<u>\$ 873</u>
Commitments and contingencies	\$ -	\$ -
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 11,127	\$ 9,598
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 11,830</u>	<u>\$ 10,471</u>
Results of Operations:		
Net revenues	\$ 11,153	\$ 11,886
Cost of goods sold	4,297	4,880
Gross profit	\$ 6,856	\$ 7,006
Operating expenses	\$ 4,717	\$ 4,159
Income (loss) from operations	\$ 2,139	\$ 2,847
Other income (expense)	(5)	40
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$ 874	\$ (6)
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 1,260</u>	<u>\$ 2,893</u>

The fair market value of the Company's shares in Interlink was approximately \$4.6 million at December 31, 2017 and \$6.1 million December 31, 2016.

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, our cost-basis investment in Interlink in the aggregate exceeded our proportionate share of the net assets of this equity method investee by approximately \$1.0 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. This difference is not amortized.

NOTE 5. INVESTMENTS IN MARKETABLE SECURITIES

Coda Octopus Group (NASDAQ: CODA)

At December 31, 2016, the Company held 10,872,256 common shares of Coda Octopus Group valued at approximately \$1.9 million. As the cost of the shares was \$1,055,567 the Company has recognized an accumulated comprehensive gain of approximately \$743,000, net of tax at December 31, 2016. On January 11, 2017, Coda Octopus Group announced a 1 for 14 reverse stock split of its common stock following approval by its majority stockholders. As a result, BKF Capital owns 776,590 shares of Coda Octopus Group after the reverse stock split. During 2017, BKF sold 55,600 shares, and at December 31, 2017, the Company held 720,900 common shares of Coda Octopus Group valued at approximately \$3.4 million. The Company holds the shares of Coda Octopus Group for investment purposes. With the cost of the remaining shares at \$969,699 the Company has recognized an accumulated comprehensive gain of approximately \$2.5 million, net of tax at December 31, 2017.

The Company recognized gross realized gains of approximately \$196,000 and no gross realized losses during 2017 from the sales of Coda Octopus Group securities.

(dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Investment in Coda Octopus Group securities at cost	\$ 970	\$ 1,055
Unrealized gain, net of tax	2,469	743
Investment in Coda Octopus Group securities at fair value	\$ <u>3,439</u>	\$ <u>1,798</u>

Amtech Systems Inc. NASDAQ: (ASYS)

In November 2017, the Company purchased 5,000 common shares of Amtech Systems Inc. for a cost of \$62,328. These shares are valued at \$50,350 at December 31, 2017, and we recognized an accumulated comprehensive loss of approximately \$11,978, net of tax at December 31, 2017. The Company holds the shares of Amtech Systems Inc. for investment purposes.

(dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Investment in Amtech Systems securities at cost	\$ 62	\$ -
Unrealized gain, net of tax	(12)	-
Investment in Amtech Systems securities at fair value	\$ <u>50</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

NOTE 6. INCOME TAXES

Income tax provision (benefit) consists of the following for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Current:		
Federal	\$ -	\$ -
State, net of federal benefit	-	-
Valuation allowance	-	-
Total current tax expense	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred:		
Federal	\$ 2,127	\$ (54)
State, net of federal benefit	349	(75)
Valuation allowance	(2,476)	129
Total deferred tax expense	\$ -	\$ -
Total income tax provision (benefit)	\$ -	\$ -
Included in comprehensive income:		
Federal	\$ 217	\$ 299
State, net of federal benefit	122	49
Valuation allowance	(339)	(348)
Total tax included in comprehensive income	\$ -	\$ -

The Company experienced an ownership change under IRC Section 382 in 2008. In general, a Section 382 ownership change occurs if there is a cumulative change in our ownership by “5% shareholders” (as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended) that exceeds 50 percentage points over a rolling three-year period. An ownership change generally affects the rate at which net operating losses (“NOLs”) and potential other deferred tax assets are permitted to offset future taxable income. Certain state jurisdictions within which we operate contain similar provisions and limitations. All of the remaining federal and state NOLs amount as of December 31, 2017 are subject to annual limitations due to the 2008 ownership change, at approximately \$344,000 per year. Because these limitations preclude the use of a large portion of these pre-ownership change NOLs, the Company permanently wrote-off the related deferred tax assets, however, since the Company maintained a full valuation allowance against these deferred tax assets, this write-off had no impact on tax expense. At December 31, 2017, the gross federal NOLs without regard to this permanent write-off is \$47.1 million.

As of December 31, 2017 federal NOLs for which deferred tax assets are now recorded were approximately \$13.5 million. Of this amount, \$7.2 million are subject to limitations under IRC Section 382. If not utilized, federal NOLs will expire between 2028 and 2037. The Company also had a state net operating loss carryforward of approximately \$6.0 million, which expire between 2029 and 2037.

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 income tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred income tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred income tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. Based on consideration of these items, management has determined that enough uncertainty exists relative to the realization of the deferred income tax asset balances to warrant the application of a full valuation allowance as of December 31, 2017.

The valuation allowance at December 31, 2017 was \$3.6 million, a decrease of \$2.8 million from December 31, 2016. On December 22, 2017, the U.S. government enacted comprehensive tax legislation commonly

referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). The TCJA makes broad and complex changes to the U.S. tax code, including, but not limited to, (1) reducing the top U.S. federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, effective January 1, 2018; (2) eliminating the corporate alternative minimum tax (AMT) and changing how existing AMT credits can be realized; and (3) changing rules related to uses and limitations of net operating loss carryforwards created in tax years beginning after December 31, 2017.

Under GAAP, we use the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Due to the reduction in our federal corporate tax rate from 34% to 21%, we revalued our net deferred tax assets and lowered the amount by \$2.0 million in 2017. A corresponding decrease in the valuation allowance followed.

On February 14, 2018, FASB published an update to U.S. GAAP to ease the financial reporting requirements of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) for banks and insurance companies. Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2018-02, "Income Statement — Reporting Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income", gives businesses the option of reclassifying to retained earnings the so-called "stranded tax effects" left in accumulated other comprehensive income because of the reduction to the corporate income tax rate. While the Company adopted the accounting policy to releasing income tax effects from accumulated other comprehensive income and elects to reclassify the stranded income tax effects from the TCJA, there was no net effect on our financial condition because the deferred tax assets are fully reserved.

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of deferred tax assets and liabilities, shown net in the deferred tax asset on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition, consisted of the following:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Deferred tax assets:		
Investments, equity method	\$ 1,138	\$ 1,818
Net operating loss carryforward	3,129	4,924
Gross deferred tax asset	<u>\$ 4,267</u>	<u>\$ 6,742</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Investments, marketable securities	\$ (688)	\$ (348)
Accruals and other	(1)	-
Gross deferred tax liabilities	<u>\$ (689)</u>	<u>\$ (348)</u>
Net deferred tax asset	3,579	6,394
Valuation allowance	<u>(3,579)</u>	<u>(6,394)</u>
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

A reconciliation of income tax (benefit) with expected federal income tax expense (benefit) computed at the applicable U.S. federal tax rate of 35% is as follows:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Federal income tax provision (benefit) at statutory rate	\$ 52	\$ (74)
State tax expense net of federal tax benefit	8	(12)
Change in statutory tax rate	2,361	-
Provision to return true-ups	55	-
Change in valuation allowance	<u>(2,476)</u>	<u>86</u>
Income tax expense (benefit)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

U.S. federal income tax returns after 2013 remain open to examination. Generally, state income tax returns after 2012 remain open to examination. No income tax returns are currently under examination. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company does not have any unrecognized tax benefits, and continues to monitor its current and prior tax positions for any changes. The Company recognizes penalties and interest related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were no penalties or interest recorded in income tax expense.

NOTE 7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized as follows:

December 31, 2017				
(dollar amounts in thousands)	Adjusted cost	Unrealized gains (losses)	Fair value	Cash & Cash Equivalents
Level 1:				
Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 685
Marketable securities	1,032	2,457	3,489	-
Equity method securities	3,217	5,956	9,173	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,249</u>	<u>\$ 8,413</u>	<u>\$ 12,662</u>	<u>\$ 685</u>

December 31, 2016				
(dollar amounts in thousands)	Adjusted cost	Unrealized gains (losses)	Fair value	Cash & Cash Equivalents
Level 1:				
Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 848
Marketable securities	1,055	743	1,798	-
Equity method securities	2,954	4,789	7,743	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,009</u>	<u>\$ 5,532</u>	<u>\$ 9,541</u>	<u>\$ 848</u>

NOTE 8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is a defendant in a lawsuit for claims for alleged services in the amount of approximately \$171,000. The complaint was filed in the New York State Supreme Court and alleges a claim for breach of contract against BAM for alleged goods and services delivered to BAM. The Company is vigorously defending this action. The Company has no specific reserve for this action.

The Company has received a claim under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) relating to the Avon Park Air Force Range Facility (Avon Park). The claim is a remediation of certain pesticides and other chemicals used in dipping vats on land owned by the Company from 1971 to 1999. Cattle dipping was widely used method to eradicate Texas tick fever from Florida's otherwise prosperous cattle industry. The Florida Legislature passed a law in 1923 requiring every cattleman in the state to comply with a full tick eradication program, which included dipping cattle every two weeks. We continue to believe that the Company has valid factual and legal defenses to this claim and we are vigorously defending the claim. The Company has no specific reserve for this action.

In addition to the matters noted above, we are from time to time subject to other litigation and legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. We believe that the outcome of such other litigation and legal proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Expenses for administrative and legal proceedings are recorded when incurred.

NOTE 9. COMMON STOCK

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company had authorized 15,000,000 shares of common stock, 708,726 and 711,816 shares were issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

On October 11, 2016, the Company filed a certificate of amendment (the “Amendment”) to the Company’s Certificate of Incorporation with the Delaware Secretary of State to effect a 1-for-10 reverse stock split (the “Reverse Split”) of the Company’s issued and outstanding Common Stock, par value \$1.00 which shall be reclassified and converted into one validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable share of common stock, par value \$1.00. The reverse stock split became effective on October 12, 2016, at which time each 10 shares of BKF Capital Group Inc.’s issued and outstanding common stock automatically converted into 1 share of common stock. This Certificate of Amendment was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation pursuant to a written consent of the directors of the Corporation dated September 23, 2016 in accordance with Section 141 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, and by the written consent of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Corporation's voting stock on September 23, 2016 in accordance with Section 228 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

All issuances have been adjusted retrospectively to reflect the effect of the 1 for 10 reverse stock split.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company repurchased 3,090 shares of common stock for approximately \$28,000. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company repurchased 4,922 shares of common stock for approximately \$39,000. The repurchased shares were immediately retired and restored to the status of authorized and unissued shares.

NOTE 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events subsequent to December 31, 2017 have been evaluated through May 11, 2018, the date these financial statements were ready to be issued, to determine whether they should be disclosed to keep the financial statements from being misleading. We were not aware of any significant subsequent event that is required to be disclosed.