

XS FINANCIAL PROVIDES A \$15 MILLION CAPEX LEASE FACILITY TO ASCEND WELLNESS HOLDINGS

LOS ANGELES, CA, September 7, 2022 – XS Financial Inc. ("XS Financial", "XSF" or the "Company") (CSE: XSF) (OTCQB: XSHLF), a specialty finance company providing CAPEX and equipment financing solutions to cannabis companies in the United States, announced today that it has provided a \$15M lease facility to Ascend Wellness Holdings, Inc. ("Ascend" or "AWH"), a multi-state, vertically integrated cannabis operator focused on bettering lives through cannabis. All amounts are in U.S. dollars.

AWH has been approved for a \$15M CAPEX lease facility to purchase new equipment with up to 60-month terms. This facility will be used for cultivation, manufacturing and processing equipment across Massachusetts, Illinois, and New Jersey.

David Kivitz, CEO of XS Financial commented: "We are excited to be working with Ascend Wellness, one of the leading multi-state operators in the cannabis industry. Ascend operates with a significant footprint in numerous attractive growth markets, with meaningful CAPEX and equipment needs, and we are excited to support their growth through this initial, competitively priced lease facility. This transaction exemplifies our strategic focus to collaborate with premier cannabis operators to support their growth, resulting in larger leasing agreements and the potential for repeat business. We believe this is just the start of a long term, mutually beneficial relationship with Ascend."

About Ascend Wellness Holdings

AWH is а vertically integrated multistate cannabis operator with licenses and assets in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. AWH owns and operates state-of-the-art cultivation facilities, growing award-winning strains and producing a curated selection of products for retail and wholesale customers. AWH produces and distributes its in-house Simply Herb, Ozone, and Ozone Reserve branded products. For more information, visit www.awholdings.com.

About XS Financial

Founded in 2017, XS Financial specializes in providing CAPEX financing solutions to cannabis companies in the United States, including cultivators, processors, manufacturers and testing laboratories. In addition, XSF has partnered with over 250 original equipment manufacturers (OEM) through its network of Preferred Vendor partnerships. This powerful dynamic provides an end-to-end solution for customers which results in recurring revenues, strong profit margins, and a proven business model for XSF stakeholders. The Company's subordinate voting shares are traded on the Canadian Securities Exchange under the symbol "XSF". For more information, visit: <u>www.xsfinancial.com</u>.

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