

ARETIICO GROUP, PLC AND ARETIICO, INC.

WebTrust for Certification Authorities Network Security (NS) Report

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SECTION 1

INDEPENDENT **A**CCOUNTANT'S **R**EPORT



REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT

To the Management of Aretiico Group, PLC and Aretiico, Inc. ("Aretiico"):

Scope

We have examined Aretiico's <u>management assertion</u> that for its Certification Authority ("CA") operations at its London, England, United Kingdom and Slough, England, United Kingdom, locations, for its CAs as enumerated in Appendix A, Aretiico has:

 maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that it meets the Network and Certificate System Security Requirements as set forth by the CA/Browser Forum

throughout the period November 2, 2024 to February 28, 2025, based on the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Network Security v1.7.

Certification Authority's Responsibilities

Aretiico's management is responsible for its assertion, including the fairness of its presentation, and the provision of its described services in accordance with the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Network Security v1.7.

Practitioner's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Aretiico management's assertion based on our examination. Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000, Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertion. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct established by the AICPA and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

We applied the Statements on Quality Control Standards established by the AICPA and, accordingly, maintain a comprehensive system of quality control.

The relative effectiveness and significance of specific controls at Aretiico and their effect on assessments of control risk for subscribers and relying parties are dependent on their interaction with the controls and other factors present at individual subscriber and relying party locations. Our examination did not extend to controls at individual subscriber and relying party locations and we have not evaluated the effectiveness of such controls.

Inherent Limitations

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention of controls. For example, because of their nature, controls may not prevent, or detect unauthorised access to systems and information, or failure to comply with internal and external policies or requirements. Also, the projection to the future of any conclusions based on our findings is subject to the risk that controls may become ineffective.

Opinion

In our opinion management's assertion, as referred to above, is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report does not include any representation as to the quality of Aretiico's services other than its Certification Authority operations at its London, England, United Kingdom and Slough, England, United Kingdom, locations, nor the suitability of any of Aretiico's services for any customer's intended purpose.

Use of the WebTrust seal

Aretiico's use of the WebTrust for Certification Authorities – Network Security Seal constitutes a symbolic representation of the contents of this report and it is not intended, nor should it be construed, to update this report or provide any additional assurance.

Schellman & Company, LLC

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Tampa, Florida April 2, 2025

SECTION 2

MANAGEMENT'S **ASSERTION**



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Aretiico Group, PLC and Aretiico, Inc. ("Aretiico") operates the Certification Authority ("CA") services for its] CA certificates as enumerated in Appendix A, and provides SSL and non-SSL CA services.

The management of Aretiico is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective controls over its SSL and non-SSL CA operations, including its network and certificate security system controls. These controls contain monitoring mechanisms, and actions are taken to correct deficiencies identified.

There are inherent limitations in any controls, including the possibility of human error, and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective controls can only provide reasonable assurance with respect to Aretiico's Certification Authority operations. Furthermore, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of controls may vary over time.

Aretiico management has assessed its controls over its SSL CA services. Based on that assessment, in Aretiico management's opinion, in providing its SSL and non-SSL Certification Authority (CA) services at its London, England, United Kingdom and Slough, England, United Kingdom, locations, Aretiico has:

 maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that it meets the Network and Certificate System Security Requirements as set forth by the CA/Browser Forum

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Richard Parris

Richard Parris Executive Chairman Aretiico Group plc Aretiico, Inc

April 2, 2025

APPENDIX A ARETIICO'S ROOT AND SUBORDINATE CAS

ARETICO'S ROOT AND SUBORDINATE CAS

Certificate Authority	Subject Common Name	SHA256 Fingerprint
Aretiico TLS Root CA	Aretiico TLS Root CA G1	E04B3A15B67BD1A95A9845C662986EB44D986ED DEB371D6DDE5718BDBDD19F10
Aretiico Secure Email Root CA	Aretiico Secure Email Root CA G1	6928F3D17D90976CAF92712BF217484F0262D5D1 05519120E156B8D539FC3655
Aretiico Document Signing Root CA	Aretiico Document Signing Root CA G1	CA7FAED3E0C6ABD26370FE0607C5006B80125B9 36469A51CFD3499BFE15825CB
Aretiico TLS Issuing CA	Aretiico TLS Issuing CA G1	F8AC28651FFFE27F3C8D30BE5CF1138757275FA FCC3503E08404A6272D2A0348
Aretiico Secure Email Issuing CA	Aretiico Secure Email Issuing CA G1	1CBFFC9424EC7BD41C289479DF0FEF45CFF504F 6FEA10A6F24203E38F560A0E6
Aretiico Adobe Issuing CA	Aretiico Adobe Issuing CA G1	146D44D69A52E7996A0811039D1BDEB2625F1BD 6117D59D1EB2BF3C50039E3C6