

Title: Pershing Square kept coming up when I googled UBS in relation to GME. Here's what I found.

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I personally believe Pershing Square is on the edge of going belly up. There are a lot of signs. Founder Bill Ackerman [claiming Pershing is out of activist shorting forever](<https://www.cnbc.com/2022/03/29/bill-ackman-is-done-with-activist-short-selling-will-focus-on-quieter-long-term-approach.html>), with the media dutifully blaming the Herbalife saga that ended in 2018!! ... [after claiming the same thing last year during the first GME spike](<https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/01/gamestop-mania-is-leaving-a-trail-of-destruction-in-its-wake>).

Was Pershing cut off from shorting through UBS and Goldman Sachs prime brokerages? (Page 41) [Link is PDF](<https://assets.pershingsquareholdings.com/2022/03/29140526/Pershing-Square-Holdings-Ltd.-2021-Annual-Report.pdf>)

But there's more. The personal money printers that are SPACs aren't doing too hot and there weren't enough bagholders. Bill needs the SEC to approve his \$0 down SPARC boondoggle [by May 8th's deadline](<https://www.institutionalinvestor.com/article/b1wrzvmzvht3jf/Bill-Ackman-Has-a-New-Investment-And-He-Is-Still-Working-on-That-SPAC>) That may allow investors, including Pershing itself, to claim to hold the estimated value to rights in a make-believe company for nothing.

In its recently released FY 2021 Report, Pershing Square has multiple places with crafty accounting, with the auditor pointing out the risk of asset values being misstated based on internal methodologies.

Did I mention they recognized all \$843M in derivatives, as assets in 2021, but only \$38M as liabilities? The rest, plus fees (\$907M), is a liability on this year's balance sheet if the SPA(R)C isn't approved.

Equity is claimed to be 11.4B at the end of 2021, with nearly 100% of equity being publicly traded. As of Friday though, [Pershing Square's market cap is \$8B.](<https://www.google.com/finance/quote/PSHZF:OTCMKTS?sa=X&ved;=2ahUKEwin5ObM4oj3AhXCq3IEHeb1CTQQ3ecFegQIBRAg&window;=YTD>) Not a great start.

Cash flow is tight. Pershing Square issued \$1.278B in bonds in 2021 while \$630M is due this July for a maturing bond. They were actually cash flow negative last year, besides the bond issue. YoY profit was down 32% but the media only trumpeted the 45% gain from Jan-Dec.

While their near-term leverage isn't extreme, they may not make it to another bond issue. Inflation is lowering their asset values, ape stocks want to run, and interest rates will rise quickly from here on out. Knife's edge.