

<div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</div> <div>2009</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009	
A	This return/report is for: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan;</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan;</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan; or</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) ____</div></div>
B	This return/report is: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report;</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report;</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report;</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).</div></div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>
D	Check box if filing under: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 5558;</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension;</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program;</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)</div></div>

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information	
1a	Name of plan RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP 401K PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
		1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2000
2a	Plan sponsor's name and address (employer, if for a single-employer plan) (Address should include room or suite no.) RUTHS HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. 400 INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY SUITE 325 HEATHROW, FL 32746	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-1060618 2c Sponsor's telephone number 407-333-7440 2d Business code (see instructions) 722110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	05/18/2010	BRIAN JUDGE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same") RUTHS HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. 400 INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY SUITE 325 HEATHROW, FL 32746	3b Administrator's EIN 72-1060618 3c Administrator's telephone number 407-333-7440
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4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name	4b EIN 4c PN
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5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	5321
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6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year (welfare plans complete only lines 6a , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a Active participants.....	6a	4904
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c	308
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a , 6b , and 6c	6d	5212
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....	6e	2
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	5214
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g	2118
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h	188

7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
 (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
 (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
 (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information)
 (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
 (5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
 (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2009
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009		
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 RUTHS HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-1060618

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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04-2647786

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL

525 B ST FL 17
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

04-2647786

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64 65 37 60	RECORDKEEPER	31258	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3 If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
ABF SM CAP VAL INV - STATE STREET B 04-1867445	0.35%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
ALLNZ NFJ DIV VAL AD - BOSTON FINAN 04-2526037	0.35%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AM CEN LG CO VAL INV - AMERICAN CEN 44-0619208	0.35%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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ARIEL APPRECIATION - US BANCORP FUN 39-0281260	0.35%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
ARTISAN MID CAP VAL - BOSTON FINANC 04-2526037	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
MSIF MID CAP GRTH P - JPMORGAN INVE 22-2382028	0.35%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PIMCO TOT RETURN ADM - BOSTON FINAN 04-2526037	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
ROYCE LOW PR STK SER - BOSTON FINAN 04-2526037	0.45%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
ROYCE VALUE PLUS SER - BOSTON FINAN 04-2526037	0.45%	

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2009 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>RUTHS HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>72-1060618</u>	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1	Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
	Assets			
a	Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b	Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
	(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
	(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
	(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c	General investments:			
	(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
	(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)		
	(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
	(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
	(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
	(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
	(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
	(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
	(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
	(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
	(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
	(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	794933	866620
	(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	1428664	1445442
	(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)		
	(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
	(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
	(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	8435355	12741123
	(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
	(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	10658952	15053185

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	10658952	15053185
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income**a Contributions:**

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	234637	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2416816	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	70525	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2721978

b Earnings on investments:**(1) Interest:**

(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	60328	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		60328

(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	259748	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		259748

(3) Rents	2b(3)		
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(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
2b (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		74421
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		2831318
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		5947793

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1517090	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		1517090
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		4853
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	31617	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		31617
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		1553560

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		4394233
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☒ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: VESTAL AND WILER

(2) EIN: 59-3198021

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

- 4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete 4l.

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?.....		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	

- 5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
If yes, enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ Yes ☒ No Amount:

- 5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2009 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009

A Name of plan <u>RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP 401K PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>RUTHS HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>72-1060618</u>

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	<u>0</u>
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>04-6568107</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box(es). If no, check the "No" box.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice and OMB Control Numbers, see the instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2009
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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	14b	
c The second preceding plan year	14c	

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If item 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete items (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate item 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP 401K PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2009 and 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ruth's Hospitality Group 401k Plan
Heathrow, Florida

We were engaged to audit the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Ruth's Hospitality Group 401k Plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the supplemental Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets Held (At End of Year) as of December 31, 2009. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management.

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by the Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the year ended December 31, 2009, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to, and do not, express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Vestal & Wiler

Certified Public Accountants

May 07, 2010

RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP 401K PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
ASSETS:		
INVESTMENTS, at fair value:		
Common/collective trust	\$ 1,445,442	\$ 1,428,664
Mutual funds	12,741,123	8,435,355
Participant loans	<u>866,620</u>	<u>794,933</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>15,053,185</u>	<u>10,658,952</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE:		
Participants' contributions	60,918	44,953
Employer's contribution	<u>247,242</u>	<u>229,313</u>
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	<u>308,160</u>	<u>274,266</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT FAIR VALUE	15,361,345	10,933,218
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in collective trust relating to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	<u>26,878</u>	<u>77,065</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 15,388,223</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,010,283</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP 401K PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	<u>2009</u>
ADDITIONS TO	
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 2,831,318
Interest and dividends	<u>344,763</u>
Total investment income	<u>3,176,081</u>
Contributions:	
Participant	2,432,781
Participant rollovers	70,525
Employer	<u>252,566</u>
Total contributions	<u>2,755,872</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>5,931,953</u>
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	
Benefits paid to participants	1,522,396
Administrative expenses	<u>31,617</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>1,554,013</u>
NET INCREASE	<u>4,377,940</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS -	
Beginning of year	<u>11,010,283</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS -	
End of year	<u><u>\$ 15,388,223</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP 401K PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009 and 2008

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Ruth's Hospitality Group 401k Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General – The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc. (the Company) who have three months of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

Plan Amendments – During 2008, the Plan was amended to change the name from the Ruth's Chris Steak House 401(k) Plan to the Ruth's Hospitality Group 401k Plan, to eliminate the age requirement, to reduce the service requirement from six months to three months to make deferral elections, and to change the employer matching contribution from discretionary to a non-discretionary 25% of the first 3% of compensation. Effective January 1, 2010, the Plan was restated to make the employer matching contributions discretionary and to remove the profit sharing component.

Contributions – Each year, participants may contribute from 1% to 99% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their account into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers a common/collective trust and various mutual funds as investment options for participants. The Company contributes 25% of the first 3% of compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. In addition, the Company may make annual discretionary nonelective contributions.

Participant Accounts – Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution and (b) Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants must be employed on the last day of the Plan year and have six months of service to be entitled to allocations of the Company's contributions.

Vesting – Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant does not begin to vest until after year one (20%) and increases ratably until fully vested in year five.

RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP 401K PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009 and 2008

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN – Continued

Participant Loans – Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that range from 5.00% - 9.25%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through biweekly and weekly payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits – Upon termination of service a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account.

Forfeited Accounts – At December 31, 2009 and 2008, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled approximately \$27,000 and \$59,000, respectively. These accounts will be used to pay administrative expenses or reduce future employer contributions. During 2009, employer contributions were reduced by \$70,000 from forfeited nonvested accounts.

Subsequent Events – The Company has evaluated subsequent events through May 07, 2010, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting – The Plan's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment contracts held by a defined-contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits present the fair value of the investment contracts as well as the adjustment of the fully-benefit responsive contracts from fair value to contract value. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP 401K PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009 and 2008

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits – Benefits are recorded when paid.

Operating Expenses – Most expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company.

NOTE 3 INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE (UNAUDITED)

Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity), the trustee for the Plan, holds the Plan's investment assets and executes transactions therein. The following information, as well as the information in the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year), was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified by the trustee as complete and accurate and, as directed by the plan administrator, was not audited. Such investments and other related information consists of the following at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	2009	2008
INVESTMENTS		
Common/collective trust at fair value	\$ 1,445,442	\$ 1,428,664
Adjustment from fair value to contract value	26,878	77,065
Common/collective trust at contract value	1,472,320	1,505,729
Mutual funds	12,741,123	8,435,355
Participant loans	866,620	794,933
	<u>\$ 15,080,063</u>	<u>\$ 10,736,017</u>
NET APPRECIATION IN FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	<u>\$ 2,831,318</u>	
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	<u>\$ 344,763</u>	

RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP 401K PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009 and 2008

NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS

The following presents investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio*	\$ 1,472,320	\$ 1,505,729
PIMCO Total Return Fund	1,097,680	931,131
Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund Trust		
Mid Cap Growth Portfolio	1,070,908	567,916
Allianz NFJ Dividend Value Fund –		
Administrative Class	761,252	593,307
Fidelity Diversified International Fund	1,213,621	797,936
Fidelity Small Cap Stock Fund	1,091,699	625,528
Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	1,186,265	846,692
Spartan U.S. Equity Index Fund	752,369	555,944
Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	1,130,364	754,861

*These amounts represent contract value for this investment.

During 2009, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated in value as follows:

	<u>2009</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 2,831,318</u>

NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Generally accepted accounting principals establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under generally accepted accounting principals are described as follows:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

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NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – Continued

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in an active market; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2009 and 2008.

Common/collective trust: Valued based on information reported by the investment advisor using the audited financial statements of the collective trust at year end.

Mutual funds: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Participant loans: Valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2009 and 2008:

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NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – Continued

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2009

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common/collective trust	\$ -	\$ 1,445,442	\$ -	\$ 1,445,442
Mutual funds	12,741,123	-	-	12,741,123
Participant loans	-	-	866,620	866,620
Total assets at fair value	\$ 12,741,123	\$ 1,445,442	\$ 866,620	\$ 15,053,185

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2008

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common/collective trust	\$ -	\$ 1,428,664	\$ -	\$ 1,428,664
Mutual funds	8,435,355	-	-	8,435,355
Participant loans	-	-	794,933	794,933
Total assets at fair value	\$ 8,435,355	\$ 1,428,664	\$ 794,933	\$ 10,658,952

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's level 3 assets for the year ended December 31, 2009.

	Participant loans
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 794,933
Purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements (net)	71,687
Balance, end of year	\$ 866,620

NOTE 6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments are managed by Fidelity. Fidelity is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

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NOTE 7 PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100 percent vested in their employer contributions.

NOTE 8 TAX STATUS

The Plan has been formed utilizing the *Fidelity Basic Plan Document No. 02* documents and adoption agreement. The prototype plan sponsor, Fidelity Management & Research Company (Fidelity), obtained a favorable determination letter dated October 9, 2003; however, such letter is only applicable to Fidelity. The Plan administrator has adopted all Plan provisions within the prototype document. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE 9 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

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NOTE 10 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2009 and 2008 to Form 5500:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 15,388,223	\$ 11,010,283
Less: Contributions receivable	(308,160)	(274,266)
Less: Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	<u>(26,878)</u>	<u>(77,065)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 15,053,185</u>	<u>\$ 10,658,952</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 to Form 5500:

	<u>2009</u>
Net increase per the financial statements	\$ 4,377,940
Plus: Contributions receivable – January 1	274,266
Less: Contributions receivable – December 31	(308,160)
Less: Change in adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	<u>50,187</u>
Net increase per Form 5500	<u>\$ 4,394,233</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2009

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Issue	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio	Common/collective trust	\$	1,445,442
	PIMCO Total Return Fund	Mutual Fund		1,097,680
	Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund Trust Mid Cap Growth Portfolio	Mutual Fund		1,070,908
	Allianz NFJ Dividend Value Fund - Administrative Class	Mutual Fund		761,252
	Artisan Mid Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund		430,715
	American Beacon Small Cap Value Fund Plan Ahead Class	Mutual Fund		227,629
	Royce Value Plus Fund	Mutual Fund		91,365
*	Fidelity Contrafund	Mutual Fund		727,893
*	Fidelity Leveraged Company Stock Fund	Mutual Fund		50,244
*	Fidelity Balanced Fund	Mutual Fund		285,756
*	Fidelity Capital Appreciation Fund	Mutual Fund		682,724
*	Fidelity Diversified International Fund	Mutual Fund		1,213,621
*	Fidelity Small Cap Stock Fund	Mutual Fund		1,091,699
*	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund	Mutual Fund		48,845
*	Fidelity Freedom 2000 Fund	Mutual Fund		28,119
*	Fidelity Freedom 2010 Fund	Mutual Fund		251,653
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund		292,697
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund		1,186,265
	Spartan U.S. Equity Index Fund	Mutual Fund		752,369
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund		1,130,364
*	Fidelity Freedom 2005 Fund	Mutual Fund		11,044
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund	Mutual Fund		74,163
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund		320,908
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund		402,737
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund		365,910
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund		144,563
*	Participant loans	5.00% - 9.25%	-	866,620

*Denotes a party-in-interest.

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