Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan;
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan; or
- [X] a single-employer plan;
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report;
- [ ] the final return/report;
- [ ] an amended return/report;
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558;
- [ ] automatic extension;
- [ ] the DFVC program;
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS & RETIREMENT PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2001

2a Plan sponsor's name and address, including room or suite number (Employer, if for single-employer plan)

JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

790 TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD
YARDLEY, PA 19067

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-2518039

2c Sponsor's telephone number 215-504-4200

2d Business code (see instructions) 511110

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.	10/15/2012	ROBERT MONTELEONE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2012	GARY STRUENING
	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")
JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

790 TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD
YARDLEY, PA 19067

3b Administrator's EIN
22-2518039

3c Administrator's telephone number
215-504-4200

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

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	3194
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**	2457
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	15
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	558
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	3030
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	5
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	3035
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	1505
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	125
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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 3D 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)

(1)		Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)		General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)		Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)		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)	X	**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)	X	**H** (Financial Information)
(2)		**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)		**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)	X	**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)	X	**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)		**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2011** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS & RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
22-2518039

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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).. . . . . [X] 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

BANK OF AMERICA

94-1687665

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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)

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13-5674085

(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?
15 52 59 60 62 63 72	RECORDKEEPER	20240	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

1000 HARBOR BLVD.
5TH FLOOR
WEEHAWKEN, NJ 07086

(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?
70	CONSULTANT	47527	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

WEISER MAZARS LLP

110 GIBRALTAR ROAD
SUITE 116
HORSHAM, PA 19044

(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?
10	ACCOUNTANT	16199	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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)

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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
(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.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(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.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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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d	Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
22-2518039

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FEDERATED CAPITAL PRESERVATION FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FEDERATED INVESTORS TRUST CO

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)
22-2712853-001	C	7709068

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EQUITY INDEX TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BANK OF AMERICA, N.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)
22-6575237-014	C	2693070

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RETIREMENT PRESERVATION TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BANK OF AMERICA, N.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)
22-6484011-001	C	0

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 code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103- 12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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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
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		30933
(3) Other	1b(3)	370	12427
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	2994	390229
(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)	1412178	1240315
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	13321340	10402139
(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)	37592192	34072833
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(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	52329074	46148876
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	101023	41293
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	101023	41293
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	52228051	46107583

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) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2261902	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	7173	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		2269075
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	767	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	59548	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		60315
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	984286	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		984286
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0

			(a) Amount	(b) Total
2b	**(5)** Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0
	(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		46663
	(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
	(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
	(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
	(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-1335305
c	Other income	2c		75211
d	Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2100245
	Expenses			
e	Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
	(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	7824122	
	(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
	(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
	(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		7824122
f	Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		92121
g	Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		206755
h	Interest expense	2h		0
i	Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)	83966	
	(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
	(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	0	
	(4) Other	2i(4)	13749	
	(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		97715
j	Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		8220713
	Net Income and Reconciliation			
k	Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		-6120468
l	Transfers of assets:			
	(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
	(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

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

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

(1) Name: WEISERMAZARS LLP **(2)** EIN: 13-1459550

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.)	4a		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.)	4b		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.)	4c		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.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		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?	4g		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?	4h		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.)	4i	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.)	4j		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?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		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.	4n			

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

2011

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

A Name of plan
JOURNAL REGISTER COMPANY, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS & RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
JOURNAL REGISTER EAST, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
22-2518039

Part I Distributions

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** 0

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): 94-1687665

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 of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **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 (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **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? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

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. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

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.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **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.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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):

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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 _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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(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):

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator
Journal Register Company, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan

We were engaged to audit the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Journal Register Company, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2011, and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2011. 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 Bank of America, N.A., 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, 2011 and 2010 and for the year ended December 31, 2011, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule 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 supplemental schedule is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. 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.

WeiserMazars LLP

October 11, 2012

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Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule
December 31, 2011 and 2010

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Journal Register Company, Inc.
401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
Assets		
Investments, at fair value		
Common/collective trusts	$10,569,700	$13,321,340
Registered investment companies	34,072,833	37,592,192
Total investments, at fair value	44,642,533	50,913,532
Cash, interest-bearing	389,839	2,605
Total investments	45,032,372	50,916,137
Receivables		
Participant contributions	30,933	-
Notes receivable from participants	1,240,315	1,412,178
Accrued interest income	390	389
Other	12,427	370
Total receivables	1,284,065	1,412,937
Total assets	46,316,437	52,329,074
Liabilities		
Accrued expenses	22,380	-
Excess participant contributions payable	18,913	101,023
Total liabilities	41,293	101,023
Net assets reflecting investments at fair value	46,275,144	52,228,051
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(167,561)	-
Net assets available for benefits	$46,107,583	$52,228,051

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Journal Register Company, Inc.
401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2011

Additions to net assets attributed to	
Investment income	
Net depreciation of investments	$ (1,288,642)
Interest and dividends	985,053
Total investment loss	(303,589)
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	59,548
Contributions	
Participant	2,261,902
Rollover	7,173
Total contributions	2,269,075
Other additions	75,211
Total additions	2,100,245
Deductions from net assets attributed to	
Distributions to participants	7,916,243
Deemed distributions of participant loans	206,755
Administrative fees	83,966
Other deductions	13,749
Total deductions	8,220,713
Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(6,120,468)
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	52,228,051
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	$46,107,583

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

1. Description of the Plan

The following brief description of the Journal Register Company, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all non-union employees of the participating employers (the "Employers") of Journal Register East, Inc. (the "Sponsor") and its parent company, Journal Register Company (the "Company") and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

Eligibility Requirements

An employee who has reached the age of 21 or older and has completed one year of service at any of the Employers is eligible to participate in the Plan. Effective June 1, 2010, the service eligibility requirements of the Plan were amended to allow immediate eligibility. Upon satisfaction of the age requirement, an employee can then enter into the Plan on the first day of the calendar month following the date that the eligibility requirement is met.

Contributions

Employee Contributions

Any eligible employee may participate in the Plan by completing an on-line salary reduction agreement and electing to contribute on a pre-tax basis an amount of not more than 60 percent of total annual compensation, excluding overtime, bonuses and any other incentive pay. Total participant pre-tax contributions may not exceed amounts in accordance with Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") guidelines, which for the calendar year 2011, limits contributions to $16,500. Those participants that have attained the age of 50 may defer up to an additional $5,500 as catch-up contributions.

Participants may transfer to their Plan accounts part or all of an "eligible rollover distribution" received from a prior employer's qualified plan.

In December 2011, the Sponsor added a Roth 401(k) contribution option to the Plan. This allows participants to make after-tax contributions to the Plan which have different tax treatments upon distribution.

Employer Matching Contributions

Effective January 1, 2009, all employer matching contributions were suspended and the Plan was amended to reflect this change. For 2011, federal law requires that the aggregated amounts contributed to the participant account by the participant and the employer may not exceed the lesser of $49,000 ($54,500 if the participant's age is 50 or older) or 100 percent of the participant's compensation, as adjusted from time to time by the IRS for increases in the cost of living.

Profit-sharing Contributions

The Employers may make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution. The participant's share of the profit-sharing contribution, if any, will be allocated to the participant's account based on the ratio that the participant's compensation bears to the total compensation of all participants eligible for a share of the profit-sharing contribution. In addition to the eligibility requirements of the Plan, the participant must be credited with 1000 hours of service and be employed on the last day of the Plan year to be eligible to receive an allocation of the profit-sharing contribution, if any, that is made by the Employers.

For the Plan year ended December 31, 2011, the Employers did not make a profit-sharing contribution to the Plan.

Participant Accounts
Each participant is credited with the participant's contributions, the Employer's matching contributions, and the allocations of a) the Employer's discretionary profit-sharing contributions, and b) Plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses, if any. Allocations of Plan earnings are made on a daily basis based on the participant's share of the specific funds in which their accounts are invested. Other allocations are based on eligible compensation 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.

Investment Options
Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan offers fourteen registered investment companies, more commonly referred to as mutual funds, two common/collective trusts and a retirement bank account as investment options for the participants. Additionally, participants may direct their investments into portfolios that are based on the participants' risk-tolerance ranging from conservative to aggressive. These portfolios use the investment options available under the Plan to achieve their risk-tolerance objectives and are typically rebalanced quarterly.

Vesting
Participant contributions and any allocated amounts of interest, dividends and net capital gains or losses thereon are fully vested. Employer safe-harbor matching contributions made prior to January 1, 2009, plus any allocated interest, dividends and net capital gains and losses thereon, were fully vested. Employer contributions associated with transferred account balances from predecessor plans, plus any allocated interest, dividends, and net capital gains or losses thereon, will fully vest at various rates depending on the predecessor plan provisions in which the employee participated. All employer contributions are immediately and fully vested upon death, disability or reaching normal retirement age.

Profit-sharing contributions vest at 20 percent for each year of service beginning with the end of the second year of service through the end of the sixth year of service at which time the participant is fully vested. A participant's vested percentage is based on participation in any prior Journal Register Company 401(k) plans.

Payment of Benefits
Distributions under the Plan will be made upon a participant's death, disability, normal retirement or other termination of employment. Retirement distributions are made upon attainment of age 65, either in a lump-sum payment, installment payments, or rollover to a qualified plan, at the option of the participant. Death benefits will be paid to the designated beneficiary in a payment method selected by the beneficiary.

Employees who retire, become permanently disabled, or withdraw from the Plan generally will receive the non-forfeitable portion of their account balance subject to the following rules:

- If the employee's non-forfeitable account balance exceeds $5,000, benefit payment will not commence prior to the employee reaching normal retirement age of 65, unless the employee consents in writing to receive the payment prior to retirement.
- If the employee's non-forfeitable account balance does not exceed $5,000, the plan administrator will distribute the funds in one lump-sum payment as soon as administratively practicable after the date of the employee's retirement, disability or withdrawal.

At any time during their employment, if an employee is in immediate financial need, he or she may apply for a hardship withdrawal no greater than the financial need and only after other means of meeting the financial need have been explored and exhausted. The plan administrator will then determine whether such withdrawal is necessary to satisfy the participant's financial hardship.

Participant Loans
Participants may borrow from their fund accounts, the lesser of a maximum of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus one percent at the time of the loan. The term of the loan shall not exceed five years unless the loan is used to purchase the participant's primary residence, in which case the maximum payment term is 15 years. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Forfeited Accounts
Forfeitures are retained in the Plan and used to reduce future employer contributions, if any, or Plan administrative expenses. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, unapplied forfeitures, held in the Plan were $34,270 and $9,190, respectively. During 2011, total additions to the forfeiture account were $26,980 of which $23,940 were participant forfeited nonvested account balances. Total deductions in 2011 were $1,900 all of which were applied to the Plan's administrative expenses.

Revenue Sharing
Beginning in the first quarter of 2011, the Plan began sharing in the investment related revenue, such as various processing, service, distribution and all other fees that Merrill Lynch receives from registered investment companies or collective trusts attributable to the Plan assets invested in such registered investment companies and trust. To the extent that this revenue exceeds the service based fees charged for the services rendered to the Plan, the Plan receives a credit for this excess on a quarterly basis. In the event the stipulated revenue is not in excess of the service based fees, either the Sponsor or the Plan must pay the deficiency. At December 31, 2011 the balance of the excess credit account held in the Plan was $26,612. During 2011, total additions to the excess credit account were $67,966 of which $41,546 were applied to the Plan's administrative expenses.

Administrative Expenses
All costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan, including fees and expenses of the trustee, are either paid by the Plan or paid by one of the Employers, the Sponsor or the Company.

Administrative expenses include such costs as accounting, audit, legal, trustee, custodial, investment management and recordkeeping fees. Those expenses paid by the Plan are reflected as administrative expenses in the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting
The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

The Plan invests in investment contracts through a common/collective trust. Accounting standards for defined contribution retirement plans require that investment contracts 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. As required under accounting standards, 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

investment 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 financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition
Investments are stated 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.

Shares of registered investment companies are valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. The Plan's interest in common/collective trusts is based on the fair value of the trust's underlying investments as reported by the trustee.

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 the 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.

Purchases and sales of shares of registered investment companies and common/collective trusts are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The Plan presents in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits, the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of its investments, which consist of the realized gains (or losses) and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments bought, sold and held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of Benefits
Benefits are recorded when paid.

3. Information Prepared and Certified by Trustee

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Bank of America, N.A., the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and on the supplemental schedule as of December 31, 2011. Additionally, the completeness and accuracy of the related investment activity reflected in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2011 has been certified by the trustee.

4. Investments

The following investments constitute more than five percent of the Plan's net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2011 and 2010:

	2011	2010
Common/collective trusts, at contract value		
Federated Investors Trust - Capital Preservation Fund	$ 7,709,069	*
Merrill Lynch - Retirement Preservation Trust	*	$ 9,872,706
Common/collective trusts, at fair value		
Merrill Lynch - Equity Index Trust 12	2,693,070	3,448,634
Registered investment companies, at fair value		
Pacific Investment Management Co. - Total Return Fund Class A	6,228,380	6,459,346
Davis Selected Advisors, LP - New York Venture Fund Class A	5,937,232	7,130,540
Thornburg - International Value Fund Class A	3,812,740	4,393,687
Wells Fargo Advantage - Strategic Large Cap Growth	2,806,346	*
American Funds - Growth Fund of America R3	*	3,420,894
Blackrock - Equity Dividend Class I	2,661,244	3,082,764
American Century - Government Bond Fund	2,424,727	*

* Investment represented less than 5% of net assets available for benefits.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Plan's investments (depreciated) appreciated (including realized gains and losses) in value as follows:

Registered investment companies	$ (1,335,305)
Common/collective trusts	46,663
Net depreciation in investments	$ (1,288,642)

5. Fair Value Measurements

Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America provide a framework for measuring fair value by utilizing 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 are described below:

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.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- 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;
- 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.

In instances in which the inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the fair value measurement has been determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's fair value measurements as of December 31, 2011 and 2010:

	December 31, 2011			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies				
Equity or stock funds by investment objective				
Growth funds	$15,647,305	$ -	$ -	$15,647,305
Value funds	6,004,685	-	-	6,004,685
Income funds	2,091,104	-	-	2,091,104
Balanced funds	1,157,325	-	-	1,157,325
Total equity or stock funds	24,900,419	-	-	24,900,419
Bond or fixed income funds	9,172,414	-	-	9,172,414
Common and collective trusts ("CCT") by investment objective				
Index fund	-	2,693,070	-	2,693,070
Stable value fund	-	7,876,630	-	7,876,630
Total CCT	-	10,569,700	-	10,569,700
Total investments, at fair value	$34,072,833	$10,569,700	$ -	$44,642,533

	December 31, 2010			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies				
Equity or stock funds by investment objective				
Growth funds	$18,454,783	$ -	$ -	$18,454,783
Value funds	6,279,203	-	-	6,279,203
Income funds	2,541,874	-	-	2,541,874
Balanced funds	1,285,179	-	-	1,285,179
Total equity or stock funds	28,561,039	-	-	28,561,039
Bond or fixed income funds	9,031,153	-	-	9,031,153
Common and collective trusts ("CCT") by investment objective				
Index fund	-	3,448,634	-	3,448,634
Stable value fund	-	9,872,706	-	9,872,706
Total CCT	-	13,321,340	-	13,321,340
Total investments, at fair value	$37,592,192	$13,321,340	$ -	$50,913,532

6. Related Party Transactions

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc. ("Merrill Lynch") provides recordkeeping services for the Plan. Merrill Lynch is an affiliate of Bank of America, N.A., and these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. During the year ended December 31, 2011, Merrill Lynch received $15,441 of recordkeeping and administrative fees.

The Retirement Bank Account available to participants to choose as an investment is with FIA Card Services, N.A., an FDIC-insured affiliate of Merrill Lynch. Any transactions with the Retirement Bank Account qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

The Merrill Lynch Equity Index Trust 12 and the Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust which were common and collective trusts available to the participants to choose as an investment are with Bank of America. Any transactions with these common and collective trusts qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

7. Tax Status

The Plan was developed from the Merrill Lynch defined contribution 401(k) prototype plan. The prototype plan received a favorable opinion letter from the IRS dated March 31, 2008. This favorable opinion letter stated that the prototype plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). As part of the Plan's contractual arrangement with Merrill Lynch, the prototype plan will be amended to comply with changes in regulations to remain qualified under the IRC. As such, the Plan has not requested a separate determination letter from the IRS. Although the Plan has been amended since March 31, 2008, the plan administrator believes the Plan is designed and currently

being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America require the plan administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability or asset if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by either federal or state or local tax authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2008.

8. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides for investments in various registered investment companies and in common/collective trusts. These registered investment companies and common/collective trusts, in turn, invest in various types of investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

9. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Sponsor may terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

10. Excess Participant Contribution Payable

As a result of the various testing required under ERISA which is done after the Plan year-end, the Plan will be required to return $18,913 of contributions made during 2011 to certain participants that were considered in excess by the ERISA mandated test. Accordingly, this amount is recorded in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits as a liability and in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits as a reduction of participant contributions at and for the year ended December 31, 2011, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Plan reported an excess contribution payable of $101,023.

11. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated events and transactions subsequent to the Plan's year-end through the time that the financial statements were available to be issued on October 11, 2012. Based on this evaluation, the subsequent event described in the following paragraph was identified.

On September 5, 2012, the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including the Sponsor, each filed a voluntary petition to reorganize under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy court for the Southern District of New York. It is expected that the bankruptcy filing by the Sponsor will not have a significant effect on the net assets available for benefits under the Plan.

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	Federated Investors Trust	Capital Preservation Fund	(1)	$ 7,709,069
*	Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSB	Equity Index Trust 12	(1)	2,693,070
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	Pacific Investment Management Company	Total Return Fund Class A	(1)	6,228,380
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	Alliance NFJ	Small Cap Value Class A	(1)	2,275,590
	American Century	Government Bond Fund	(1)	2,424,727
	Invesco Van Kampen	Equity Fund Class A	(1)	2,091,104
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	BlackRock	Global Allocation Fund Class I	(1)	1,157,325
	Victory	Established Fund	(1)	1,067,851
	Oppenheimer	Global Fund Class Y	(1)	649,108
	Mainstay	High Yield Corporate Bond Fund	(1)	519,307
	Invesco Van Kampen	Small Cap Growth Class A	(1)	498,682
	Cash, interest bearing			
*	Merrill Lynch	Retirement Bank Account	(1)	389,839
	Participant loans	Interest rates from 4.25% - 10.25%, maturing through December 2017	$ -	1,240,315

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