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.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2014 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2014 and ending 12/31/2014

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan;
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions); 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
HOT TOPIC 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 08/01/1995

2a Plan sponsor's name and address; include room or suite number (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
HOT TOPIC, INC.

18305 E. SAN JOSE AVENUE
CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91748-1237

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0198182

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
626-839-4681

2d Business code (see instructions)
448150

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.	10/10/2015	GEORGE WEHLITZ
	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

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number) (optional)

Preparer's telephone number (optional)

3a	Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b**	Administrator's EIN
		3c	Administrator's telephone number
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:	**4b**	EIN
a	Sponsor's name	**4c**	PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	5668
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	5356
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	7500
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	167
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	7667
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	7667
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	754
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	9
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 Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[X] Insurance	**(1)**	[X] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(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)** [X] 1 **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....…… ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ……..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2014 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2014 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance 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.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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A Name of plan
HOT TOPIC 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOT TOPIC, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0198182

Part I **Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier

JOHN HANCOCK USA

(b) EIN	**(c)** NAIC code	**(d)** Contract or identification number	**(e)** Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	**(g)** To
01-0233346	65838	62031	754	01/01/2014	12/31/2014

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	**(b)** Total amount of fees paid
47735	21895

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

MMC SECURITIES CORP
1166 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NY 10036

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	**(e)** Organization code
47735			4

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

POLYCOMP ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
6400 CANOGA AVENUE, STE 250
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	**(e)** Organization code
	15020		5

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

POLYCOMP ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
3000 LAVA RIDGE CT, STE 130
ROSEVILLE, CA 95661

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	
	6875		5

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	**4**	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	**5**	13746323

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	**6d**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			**7b**	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	**7c(1)**			
	(2) Dividends and credits	**7c(2)**			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	**7c(3)**			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	**7c(4)**			
	(5) Other (specify below) ▶	**7c(5)**			
	(6) Total additions			**7c(6)**	
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**).			**7d**	
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	**7e(1)**			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	**7e(2)**			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	**7e(3)**			
	(4) Other (specify below) ▶	**7e(4)**			
	(5) Total deductions			**7e(5)**	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			**7f**	

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance

e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** ☐ Long-term disability **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment **h** ☐ Prescription drug

i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible) **j** ☐ HMO contract **k** ☐ PPO contract **l** ☐ Indemnity contract

m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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.**	**2014** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2014 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2014 and ending 12/31/2014

A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
HOT TOPIC 401(K) PLAN	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
HOT TOPIC, INC.	77-0198182

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).. . . . . ☐ 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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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)

JOHN HANCOCK USA

01-0233346

(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 28 59 60 62 63 67 68	RECORDKEEPER	3220	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 ☐

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.	

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(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.	

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:

Explanation:

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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A Name of plan
HOT TOPIC 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0198182

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: LIFESTYLE AGGRESSIVE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

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)
01-0233346-000	P	1906171

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFESTYLE GROWTH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

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)
01-0233346-000	P	3972089

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFESTYLE BALANCED

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

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)
01-0233346-000	P	2181982

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFESTYLE MODERATE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

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)
01-0233346-000	P	551991

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFESTYLE CONSERVATIVE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

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)
01-0233346-000	P	828549

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: OPPENHEIMER DEVELOPING MKT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

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)
01-0233347-000	P	76816

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD MID-CAP VALUE ETF

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

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)
01-0233348-000	P	9359

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SCI & TECH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 416501

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SMALL CAP GROWTH INDEX

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233347-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 24934

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233348-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 39024

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233349-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14365

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO SMALL CAP GROWTH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 185766

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: OPPENHEIMER INTL GROWTH FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233347-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7421

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EUROPACIFIC GROWTH FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 360421

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SMALL CAP VALUE INDEX

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233347-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9949

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP VALUE FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233348-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 963

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VALUE FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233349-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 121290

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233350-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 61364

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LORD ABBETT VALUE OPPS FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233351-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15320

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233352-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 441416

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DOMINI SOCIAL EQUITY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 160585

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRU JENNISON MID GROWTH FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233347-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 16216

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD GROWTH INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233348-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 30777

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MASSACHUSETTS INVESTORS FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233349-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 265985

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD VALUE INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233350-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 41453

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 495227

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVESTORS

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 274193

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN BALANCED FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 230471

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: OPPENHEIMER INTL BOND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233347-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 35728

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PIMCO TOTAL RETURN

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233348-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 355546

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK STABLE VAL

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233349-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 566675

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL VALUE FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233349-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7553

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA US SMALL CAP FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233349-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 23897

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD MID-CAP GROWTH ETF

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233349-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 16327

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)

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)

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)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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).

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For calendar plan year 2014 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2014 and ending 12/31/2014

A Name of plan
HOT TOPIC 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOT TOPIC, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0198182

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	713	1001
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	913	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	
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)	430841	501361
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(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)	12470415	13746323
(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	12902882	14248685
	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 through1j)	1k		
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	12902882	14248685

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)	423581	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1463335	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	471218	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		2358134
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)	18960	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		18960
	(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)		
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(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)		
	(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)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		674369
(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)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3051463
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1638727	
(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)		1638727
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	15020	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	51517	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	396	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		66933
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1705660
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		1345803
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)** [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: WRIGHT FORD YOUNG & CO **(2)** EIN: 95-3288054

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 lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 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	

			Yes	No	Amount
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		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?	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)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

Part V Trust Information (optional)

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

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).

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For calendar plan year 2014 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2014 and ending 12/31/2014

A Name of plan
HOT TOPIC 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOT TOPIC, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0198182

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): 01-0233346

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 lines 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 _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 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 _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 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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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 lines 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 _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 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 line 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 lines (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 line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

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Wright Ford Young & Co.
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, Inc.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participants and Administrator of the
Hot Topic 401(k) Plan:

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of the Hot Topic 401(k) Plan (the Plan), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 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 John Hancock Life Insurance Company, the custodian of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the custodian holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the custodian as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and for the year ended December 31, 2014, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the custodian is complete and accurate.

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Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient, appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matter

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year) as of December 31, 2014, is required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on this supplemental schedule.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance With DOL Rules and Regulations

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 custodian, 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Wright Ford Young & Co.

WRIGHT FORD YOUNG & CO.
Irvine, California
October 8, 2015

HOT TOPIC 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

	2014	2013
ASSETS:		
Investments at fair value	$ 13,746,323	$ 12,470,415
Total investments	13,746,323	12,470,415
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	-	913
Notes receivable from participants	501,361	430,841
Total receivables	501,361	431,754
Non-interest bearing cash	1,001	713
Total assets	14,248,685	12,902,882
LIABILITIES:		
Corrective distributions payable	231,062	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 14,017,623	$ 12,902,882

See independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

HOT TOPIC 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 674,369
Total investment income	674,369
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	18,960
Contributions:	
Participant	1,265,743
Employer	390,111
Rollover	471,218
Total contributions	2,127,072
Total additions	2,820,401
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	1,638,727
Plan fees and administrative expenses	66,933
Total deductions	1,705,660
NET INCREASE	1,114,741
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS, beginning of year	12,902,882
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS, end of year	$ 14,017,623

See independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Hot Topic 401(k) 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 substantially all employees of Hot Topic, Inc. (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. Employees who have attained at least 21 years of age are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of each month following completion of 90 days of service.

Administration

The Plan is administered by the Company.

Contributions and Corrective Distributions Payable

Participants may elect to contribute up to 100% of eligible compensation, not to exceed the limits of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Company may make discretionary matching and/or profit sharing contributions as determined annually by the Company. During 2014, the Company matched 50% of the participant's deferrals, up to the first 4% of eligible compensation. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company did not make any discretionary profit sharing contributions. Highly compensated employees who are making deferrals into the Hot Topic, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan are not eligible to receive matching contributions under the Plan.

For 2014, the Plan incurred a liability for corrective distributions of $231,062. This liability was primarily attributable to a bonus program that elevated eligible compensation for several employees that caused them to be considered "Highly Compensated Employees" (HCE's) for the first time.

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN – (Continued)

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's discretionary matching or profit sharing contributions, if any, Plan earnings and losses, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on the participant's eligible compensation, participant contributions, investment elections and/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.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, retirement, or other defined reasons, 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. Participants may also elect to rollover their account to another tax deferred account or remain in the Plan until they are legally required to begin taking distributions. If the amount to be distributed is less than $5,000, the participant has the option to elect either a lump-sum payment or direct rollover. Absent that option, all vested account balances not exceeding $5,000 may be immediately distributed from the Plan as a rollover into an individual retirement account at a qualified institution of the Plan's choosing. With the plan administrator's approval, participants may withdraw all or part of their aggregate contributions in the event of financial hardship.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of service according to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Vested Percentage
Less than 2	0%
2	50%
3	100%

Forfeitures

The unvested portion of a terminated participant's account will be forfeited and used to reduce future Company contributions or pay Plan expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2014, Company contributions were reduced by $3,315 from forfeited nonvested accounts. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the amount of available forfeitures totaled $1,001 and $713.

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN – (Continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $500, up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from 1 to 5 years or within a reasonable period of time that is longer than 5 years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The interest rate will generally be the prime interest rate charged by banks as published in the *Wall Street Journal* as of the last day of the preceding month plus 1%. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. Participants can only have two loans outstanding at a time.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting and New Accounting Pronouncements

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

In May 2015 and July 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Updates ASU 2015-07 and ASU 2015-12, respectively, which include guidance related to plan investment disclosures and fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. This guidance revises the presentation for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts and disclosures related to these contracts as well as other disclosures related to plan investments. This guidance is effective for plan years ending after December 15, 2016 (ASU 2015-07) and December 15, 2015 (ASU 2015-12), with early application permitted. The Plan has elected to early adopt the provisions of these ASUs, including the retroactive application of their provisions.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – (Continued)

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

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Corrective Distributions Payable

Amounts payable to participant for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2014 or 2013. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan agreement.

Plan Fees and Administrative Expenses

Plan fees and administrative expenses are generally paid by the Plan, unless paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Certain transactional fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses.

Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the independent auditors' report, which is the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued.

3. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S CUSTODIAN

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, John Hancock Life Insurance Company (John Hancock), the custodian of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of the following information which is included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and for the year ended December 31, 2014.

	2014	2013
Investments	$ 13,746,323	$ 12,470,415
Non-interest bearing cash	1,001	713
Notes receivable from participants	501,361	430,841
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	674,369	n/a
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	18,960	n/a

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The FASB provides the 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 lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under this framework 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.

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.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – (Continued)

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.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for investments measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodology used at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Pooled separate accounts: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units held by the Plan at year end. The pooled separate accounts unit prices are quoted on a private market that is not active; however, the unit price is based on underlying investments which are traded on active markets. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.

The preceding method 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.

In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments with total fair value of $13,746,323 and $12,470,415 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) and have not been classified by level in the fair value hierarchy.

In regards to the classification of investment options offered by the Plan, there were no reclassifications in or out of levels 1, 2 or 3 during the year ended December 31, 2014. The nature, risks and investment objectives of the investments described above, for which fair value is estimated at NAV, can be found in the Plan's enrollment literature. These investments can be redeemed immediately and without a redemption notification period. As of December 31, 2014, there were no unfunded commitments associated with any of these investments.

5. RISKS AND UNCERTANTIES

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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

6. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan allows for transactions with certain parties who may perform services or have fiduciary responsibilities to the Plan. Certain Plan investments are managed by John Hancock, the custodian and record-keeper of the Plan. The Plan paid $51,913 in contract administration fees to John Hancock and $15,020 in service fees to a third party administrator during 2014. The Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the balances in the participants' accounts. The Company paid certain administrative expenses of the Plan, including audit fees. These transactions qualify as party in interest transactions for which a statutory exemption exists.

7. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate or amend the Plan at any time, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants become 100% vested in their accounts.

8. TAX STATUS

The Company adopted a Volume Submitter Profit Sharing Plan which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), on March 31, 2008, which stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has since been amended. The plan administrator believes the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2014, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. 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 it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2011.

9. RECONCILIATION TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 at December 31, 2014:

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 14,017,623
Add 2014 corrective distributions	231,062
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	$ 14,248,685

The following is a reconciliation of total additions per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2014:

Total additions per the financial statements	$ 2,820,401
Add 2014 corrective distributions	231,062
Total additions per the Form 5500	$ 3,051,463

HOT TOPIC 401(k) PLAN
EIN #: 77-0198182
PLAN #: 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2014

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	Cost	Current Value
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Lifestyle Conservative Fund	**	$ 828,549
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Lifestyle Moderate Active Strategy Fund	**	551,991
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Lifestyle Balanced Active Strategy Fund	**	2,181,982
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Lifestyle Growth Active Strategy Fund	**	3,972,089
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Lifestyle Aggressive Active Strategy Fund	**	1,906,171
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	PIMCO Total Return Fund	**	355,546
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	American Balanced Fund	**	230,471
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Washington Mutual Investors Fund	**	274,193
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Massachusetts Investors Fund	**	265,985
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Pru Jennison Mid Growth Fund	**	16,216
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Domini Social Equity Fund	**	160,585
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Growth Index Fund	**	30,777
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	EuroPacific Growth Fund	**	360,421
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Capital Appreciation Fund	**	441,416
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	T. Rowe Price Sci & Tech Fund	**	416,501
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	DFA U.S. Small Cap Fund	**	23,897
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	500 Index Fund	**	495,227
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Value Index Fund	**	41,453
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Oppenheimer Developing Market Fund	**	76,816
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Oppenheimer International Growth Fund	**	7,421
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Oppenheimer International Bond Fund	**	35,728
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	International Value Fund	**	7,553
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Lord Abbett Value Opps Fund	**	15,320
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	61,364
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Value Fund	**	121,290
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Small Cap Value Fund	**	962
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Invesco Small Cap Growth Fund	**	185,766
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Small Cap Index Fund	**	14,365
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	International Equity Index Fund	**	39,024
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Fund	**	24,934
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth ETF Fund	**	16,327
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund	**	9,949
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Vanguard Mid-Cap Value ETF Fund	**	9,359
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company	John Hancock Stable Value Fund	**	566,675
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates at 4.25%	-	501,361
				$ 14,247,684

* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

** Disclosure of this information is not required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA when the account is participant directed.

See independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

Attachment to Form 5500
2014 Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets
(Held at Year End)

Plan Name Hot Topic 401(k) Plan EIN 77-0198182 PN 001

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	John Hancock USA	Lifestyle Aggressive	**	1,906,171
*	John Hancock USA	Lifestyle Growth	**	3,972,089
*	John Hancock USA	Lifestyle Balanced	**	2,181,982
*	John Hancock USA	Lifestyle Moderate	**	551,991
*	John Hancock USA	Lifestyle Conservative	**	828,549
*	John Hancock USA	Oppenheimer Developing Mkt	**	76,816
*	John Hancock USA	Vanguard Mid-Cap Value ETF	**	9,359
*	John Hancock USA	International Value Fund	**	7,553
*	John Hancock USA	T. Rowe Price Sci & Tech	**	416,501
*	John Hancock USA	DFA US Small Cap Fund	**	23,897
*	John Hancock USA	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index	**	24,934
*	John Hancock USA	International Equity Index Fund	**	39,024
*	John Hancock USA	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index	**	9,949
*	John Hancock USA	Invesco Small Cap Growth	**	185,766
*	John Hancock USA	Oppenheimer Intl Growth Fund	**	7,421
*	John Hancock USA	EuroPacific Growth Fund	**	360,421
*	John Hancock USA	Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth ETF	**	16,327
*	John Hancock USA	Small Cap Index Fund	**	14,365
*	John Hancock USA	Small Cap Value Fund	**	963
*	John Hancock USA	Value Fund	**	121,290
*	John Hancock USA	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	61,364
*	John Hancock USA	Lord Abbett Value Opps Fund	**	15,320
*	John Hancock USA	Capital Appreciation Fund	**	441,416
*	John Hancock USA	Domini Social Equity	**	160,585
*	John Hancock USA	Pru Jennison Mid Growth Fund	**	16,216
*	John Hancock USA	Vanguard Growth Index Fund	**	30,777
*	John Hancock USA	Massachusetts Investors Fund	**	265,985
*	John Hancock USA	Vanguard Value Index Fund	**	41,453
*	John Hancock USA	500 Index Fund	**	495,227
*	John Hancock USA	Washington Mutual Investors	**	274,193
*	John Hancock USA	American Balanced Fund	**	230,471
*	John Hancock USA	Oppenheimer Intl Bond	**	35,728
*	John Hancock USA	PIMCO Total Return	**	355,546
*	John Hancock USA	John Hancock Stable Value	**	566,675
*	Participant Loans	Interest Rates at 4.25% to 6.00%	-	501,361
				$14,247,685

* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

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