# 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 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

**2017**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

## Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

**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.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ___

**B** This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [X] 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
THE CONTAINER STORE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**1c** Effective date of plan 01/01/1989

**2a** Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
THE CONTAINER STORE INC.

500 FREEPORT PARKWAY
COPPELL, TX 75019

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-1596981

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number
972-538-6841

**2d** Business code (see instructions)
442299

**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. | 09/10/2018 | CLAUDINE TUDGAY |
| | **Signature of plan administrator** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| **SIGN HERE** | | | |
| | **Signature of employer/plan sponsor** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| **SIGN HERE** | | | |
| | **Signature of DFE** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as DFE |

**3a** Plan administrator's name and address [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 or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:
**a** Sponsor's name
**c** Plan Name

**4b** EIN

**4d** PN

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|---|---|---|
| **5** Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | **5** | 3772 |
| **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)** | 3388 |
| **a(2)** Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | **6a(2)** | 3230 |
| **b** Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | **6b** | 8 |
| **c** Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | **6c** | 479 |
| **d** Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c** | **6d** | 3717 |
| **e** Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. | **6e** | 0 |
| **f** Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**. | **6f** | 3717 |
| **g** Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g** | 2121 |
| **h** Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | **6h** | 40 |
| **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 3H

**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)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **(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)

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|---|---|---|
| **(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**

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| **(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**

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|---|---|---|
| **(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) |

## 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 2017 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2017 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 C (Form 5500) | Service Provider Information | OMB No. 1210-0110 |
|---|---|---|
| Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br>▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.** | **2017**<br>**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.** |

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

**A** Name of plan
THE CONTAINER STORE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE CONTAINER STORE INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-1596981

## 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

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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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| (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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 37 60 64 65 | RECORDKEEPER | 75780 | Yes [X] No [ ] | Yes [X] No [ ] | 0 | Yes [X] No [ ] |

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

STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.

04-2654524

| (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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | ADVISOR | 33828 | Yes [ ] No [X] | 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? |
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| | | | 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? |
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| | | | 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? |
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| | | | 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? |
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| | | | 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 |
|---|---|---|
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |

| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
|---|---|
| BARON GROWTH - DST SYSTEMS INC<br><br>43-1581814 | 0.40% |

| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |

| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
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| CRLN E SM CAP GR R5 - U.S. BANCORP P.O. BOX 701<br>MILWAUKEE, WI 53201 | 0.20% |

| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |

| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
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| GS SM CAP VALUE INST - GOLDMAN, SA<br><br>13-5108880 | 0.10% |

## 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 |
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| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |

| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
|---|---|
| INVS INTL GROWTH R5 - INVESCO CANA 5140 YONGE STREET, SUITE 900 TORONTO, ON M2N 6 CA | 0.35% |

| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |

| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
|---|---|
| JH DISCPL VALUE R4 - JOHN HANCOCK<br><br>01-0233346 | 0.25% |

| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |

| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
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| MFS INTL VALUE R4 - MFS SERVICE CE<br><br>04-2865649 | 0.15% |

## Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |

| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
|---|---|
| MFS MID CAP VALUE R3 - MFS SERVICE<br><br>04-2865649 | 0.50% |

| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |

| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
|---|---|
| WF STABLE VALUE 800 LASALLE AVENUE, SUITE 100 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402 | 0.25% |

| **(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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| **(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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## 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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| **(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)

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

Explanation:

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|---|---|
| **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:

# SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

# DFE/Participating Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2017**

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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

**A** Name of plan
THE CONTAINER STORE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**C** Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE CONTAINER STORE INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-1596981

## 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: WF STABLE VALUE

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, 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) |
|---|---|---|
| 94-6751924-001 | C | 6295303 |

**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) |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

**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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| | | |

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

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**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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**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):

| **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 |
|---|---|

**a** Plan name

| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
|---|---|

**a** Plan name

| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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**a** Plan name

| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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**a** Plan name

| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
|---|---|

# 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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OMB No. 1210-0110

**2017**

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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

**A** Name of plan
THE CONTAINER STORE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE CONTAINER STORE INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-1596981

## 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 | 0 | 0 |
| **b** Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| **(1)** Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 0 | 0 |
| **(2)** Participant contributions | 1b(2) | 0 | 0 |
| **(3)** Other | 1b(3) | 0 | 0 |
| **c** General investments: | | | |
| **(1)** Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | 0 | 0 |
| **(2)** U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | 0 | 0 |
| **(3)** Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | | |
| **(A)** Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | 0 | 0 |
| **(B)** All other | 1c(3)(B) | 0 | 0 |
| **(4)** Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | | |
| **(A)** Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | 0 | 0 |
| **(B)** Common | 1c(4)(B) | 0 | 0 |
| **(5)** Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | 0 | 0 |
| **(6)** Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | 0 | 0 |
| **(7)** Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | 0 | 0 |
| **(8)** Participant loans | 1c(8) | 2620279 | 2355410 |
| **(9)** Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | 6796584 | 6295303 |
| **(10)** Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | 0 | 0 |
| **(11)** Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | 0 | 0 |
| **(12)** Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | 0 | 0 |
| **(13)** Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | 93639482 | 107670748 |
| **(14)** Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | | |
| **(15)** Other | 1c(15) | 0 | 0 |

| | | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1d** | Employer-related investments: | | | |
| | **(1)** Employer securities | 1d(1) | 0 | 0 |
| | **(2)** Employer real property | 1d(2) | 0 | 0 |
| **e** | Buildings and other property used in plan operation | 1e | 0 | 0 |
| **f** | Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) | 1f | 103056345 | 116321461 |
| | **Liabilities** | | | |
| **g** | Benefit claims payable | 1g | 0 | 0 |
| **h** | Operating payables | 1h | 0 | 0 |
| **i** | Acquisition indebtedness | 1i | 0 | 0 |
| **j** | Other liabilities | 1j | 0 | 0 |
| **k** | Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j) | 1k | 0 | 0 |
| | **Net Assets** | | | |
| **l** | Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) | 1l | 103056345 | 116321461 |

## 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) | 239 | |
| | **(B)** Participants | 2a(1)(B) | 6289401 | |
| | **(C)** Others (including rollovers) | 2a(1)(C) | 545217 | |
| | **(2)** Noncash contributions | 2a(2) | 0 | |
| | **(3)** Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)** | 2a(3) | | 6834857 |
| **b** | **Earnings on investments:** | | | |
| | **(1)** Interest: | | | |
| | **(A)** Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) | 2b(1)(A) | 0 | |
| | **(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) | 110899 | |
| | **(F)** Other | 2b(1)(F) | 0 | |
| | **(G)** Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)** | 2b(1)(G) | | 110899 |
| | **(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) | 5194716 | |
| | **(D)** Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)** | 2b(2)(D) | | 5194716 |
| | **(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 |
| | **(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 |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | 91104 |
| (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) | | 14031359 |
| c Other income | 2c | | 0 |
| d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 26262935 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 12890201 | |
| (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) | | 12890201 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | 370 |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) | 2g | | -2360 |
| h Interest expense | 2h | | 0 |
| i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees | 2i(1) | 0 | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 0 | |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees | 2i(3) | 33828 | |
| (4) Other | 2i(4) | 75780 | |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)** | 2i(5) | | 109608 |
| j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 12997819 |
| **Net Income and Reconciliation** | | | |
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d** | 2k | | 13265116 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan | 2l(1) | | 0 |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

## Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

**(1)** Name: BKD **(2)** EIN: 44-0160260

**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 | | 3000000 |
| 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 | | X | |

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

**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
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

# 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 sections 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 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

**A** Name of plan
THE CONTAINER STORE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE CONTAINER STORE INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-1596981

## 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**

**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): 04-6568107

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

**3** Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year ..... **3**

## Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

**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 _____

**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 _____

**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:
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**c** What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
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### *Forfeited Accounts*

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $30,994 and $14,513, respectively. Forfeitures are used to reduce future employer contributions and pay administrative expenses of the Plan. Forfeitures used to reduce employer contributions totaled $239 and $2,791 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

## Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### *Basis of Accounting*

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

### *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 and changes in net assets, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### *Investment Valuation and Income Recognition*

Investments are reported at fair value. Quoted market prices, if available, are used to value investments. Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year-end. The Plan's interest in the common collective trust fund is valued at NAV utilizing the practical expedient.

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

### *Notes Receivable from Participants*

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

### *Payment of Benefits*

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

### *Administrative Expenses*

Administrative expenses may be paid by the Company or the Plan, at the Company's discretion.

### *Transfer Between Fair Value Hierarchy Levels*

Transfers in and out of Level 1 (quoted market prices), Level 2 (other significant observable inputs) and Level 3 (significant unobservable inputs) are recognized on actual transfer date.

## Note 3: Certification of Plan Trustee

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified the following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.
- Investment income and interest income from notes receivable from participants as shown in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.
- Investment information and notes receivable from participants included in the accompanying schedule of assets (held at year-end) as of December 31, 2017.

The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

## Note 4: Related Party Transactions and Party-in-Interest Transactions

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50% or more of such an employer or employee association, or relatives of such persons.

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by the plan trustee. Therefore these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. No forfeitures were used to pay fees relating to investment management services during the years ended December 31, 2017 or 2016.

## Note 5: Disclosures About Fair Value of Plan Assets and Liabilities

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. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

**Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

**Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities

**Level 3** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

### *Recurring Measurements*

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

| | | Fair Value Measurements Using | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fair Value | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| **December 31, 2017** | | | | |
| Mutual funds | $ 107,670,747 | $ 107,670,747 | $ - | $ - |
| Common collective trust measured at net asset value (A) | 6,295,303 | 6,295,303 | - | - |
| Investments at fair value | $ 113,966,050 | $ 113,966,050 | $ - | $ - |

| | | Fair Value Measurements Using | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fair Value | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| **December 31, 2016** | | | | |
| Mutual funds | $ 93,639,482 | $ 93,639,482 | $ - | $ - |
| Common collective trust measured at net asset value (A) | 6,796,584 | 6,796,584 | - | - |
| Investments at fair value | $ 100,436,066 | $ 100,436,066 | $ - | $ - |

(A) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. The Plan had no liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. In addition, the Plan had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

***Investments***

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or independent asset pricing services and pricing models, the inputs of which are market-based or independently sourced market parameters, including, but not limited to, yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, prepayments, defaults, cumulative loss projections and cash flows. Such securities are classified in Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy.

***Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient***

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2017 and 2016. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

| | December 31, 2017 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fair Value | Unfunded Commitments | Redemption Frequency | Redemption Notice Period |
| Common collective trust funds | $ 6,295,303 | $ - | Daily | 1 day |

| | December 31, 2016 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fair Value | Unfunded Commitments | Redemption Frequency | Redemption Notice Period |
| Common collective trust funds | $ 6,796,584 | $ - | Daily | 1 day |

## Note 6: Plan Termination

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

## Note 7: Tax Status

The Plan operates under a standardized adoption agreement in connection with a prototype 401(k) profit-sharing plan and trust sponsored by Fidelity Management Trust Company. This prototype plan document has been filed with the appropriate agency and has obtained a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that the prototype constitutes a qualified plan under Section 401 of the IRC and that the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan and the related trust are currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

### Note 8: Risks and Uncertainties

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

### Note 9: Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through September 4, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# Supplemental Schedule

# The Container Store, Inc. 401(k) Plan

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## Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

## December 31, 2017

| | Identity of Issuer | Description of Investment | Current Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Mutual Funds** | | |
| | Baron Growth Fund | 122,355 shares | $ 8,279,743 |
| | CRLN Small Cap Growth | 4,137 shares | 260,195 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2005 Fund | 1,145 shares | 14,375 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2010 Fund | 69,554 shares | 1,117,035 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund | 77,550 shares | 1,037,625 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund | 387,001 shares | 6,412,608 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund | 299,661 shares | 4,315,121 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund | 707,577 shares | 12,778,846 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund | 232,661 shares | 3,545,750 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund | 598,715 shares | 6,406,251 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund | 192,838 shares | 2,337,193 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund | 185,911 shares | 2,266,261 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund | 48,722 shares | 669,436 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund | 37,583 shares | 37,583 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom Income Fund | 58,486 shares | 688,968 |
| * | Fidelity Total Bond | 228,987 shares | 2,436,417 |
| * | Fidelity Contra Fund | 117,262 shares | 14,351,650 |
| * | Fidelity Low Priced Stock | 147,164 shares | 8,016,017 |
| | Fidelity 500 Index Fund | 160,911 shares | 15,037,142 |
| | Fidelity Extended Market Index Advantage | 6,498 shares | 403,221 |
| | Fidelity International Index Fund | 23,202 shares | 1,001,866 |
| | Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund | 305,743 shares | 3,543,567 |
| | Goldman Sachs Small Cap Value Fund | 13,049 shares | 792,460 |
| | Invesco International Growth Fund | 68,302 shares | 2,514,193 |
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| | MFS International Value Fund | 69,027 shares | 2,986,115 |
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### *Notes Receivable from Participants*

The plan document includes provisions authorizing loans from the Plan to active eligible participants. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or $50,000. The loan is secured by the balance in the participant's account and bears a rate of interest determined by the plan administrator based on prevailing rates at the time of the loan. Notes receivable from participants are covered by demand notes and are repayable over a period not to exceed five years (except for loans for the purchase of a principal residence) through payroll withholdings unless the participant is paying the loan in full. Principal and interest are repaid through weekly or biweekly payroll deductions. Past due delinquent loan balances may be reclassified as benefit payments.

### *Forfeited Accounts*

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $30,994 and $14,513, respectively. Forfeitures are used to reduce future employer contributions and pay administrative expenses of the Plan. Forfeitures used to reduce employer contributions totaled $239 and $2,791 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

## Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### *Basis of Accounting*

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

### *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 and changes in net assets, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### *Investment Valuation and Income Recognition*

Investments are reported at fair value. Quoted market prices, if available, are used to value investments. Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year-end. The Plan's interest in the common collective trust fund is valued at NAV utilizing the practical expedient.

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

### *Notes Receivable from Participants*

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

### *Payment of Benefits*

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

### *Administrative Expenses*

Administrative expenses may be paid by the Company or the Plan, at the Company's discretion.

### *Transfer Between Fair Value Hierarchy Levels*

Transfers in and out of Level 1 (quoted market prices), Level 2 (other significant observable inputs) and Level 3 (significant unobservable inputs) are recognized on actual transfer date.

## Note 3: Certification of Plan Trustee

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified the following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.
- Investment income and interest income from notes receivable from participants as shown in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.
- Investment information and notes receivable from participants included in the accompanying schedule of assets (held at year-end) as of December 31, 2017.

The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

## Note 4: Related Party Transactions and Party-in-Interest Transactions

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50% or more of such an employer or employee association, or relatives of such persons.

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by the plan trustee. Therefore these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. No forfeitures were used to pay fees relating to investment management services during the years ended December 31, 2017 or 2016.

## Note 5: Disclosures About Fair Value of Plan Assets and Liabilities

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. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

**Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

**Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities

**Level 3** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

### *Recurring Measurements*

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

| | | Fair Value Measurements Using | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fair Value | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| **December 31, 2017** | | | | |
| Mutual funds | $ 107,670,747 | $ 107,670,747 | $ - | $ - |
| Common collective trust measured at net asset value (A) | 6,295,303 | 6,295,303 | - | - |
| Investments at fair value | $ 113,966,050 | $ 113,966,050 | $ - | $ - |

| | | Fair Value Measurements Using | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fair Value | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| **December 31, 2016** | | | | |
| Mutual funds | $ 93,639,482 | $ 93,639,482 | $ - | $ - |
| Common collective trust measured at net asset value (A) | 6,796,584 | 6,796,584 | - | - |
| Investments at fair value | $ 100,436,066 | $ 100,436,066 | $ - | $ - |

(A) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. The Plan had no liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. In addition, the Plan had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

***Investments***

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or independent asset pricing services and pricing models, the inputs of which are market-based or independently sourced market parameters, including, but not limited to, yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, prepayments, defaults, cumulative loss projections and cash flows. Such securities are classified in Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy.

***Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient***

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2017 and 2016. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

| | December 31, 2017 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fair Value | Unfunded Commitments | Redemption Frequency | Redemption Notice Period |
| Common collective trust funds | $ 6,295,303 | $ - | Daily | 1 day |

| | December 31, 2016 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fair Value | Unfunded Commitments | Redemption Frequency | Redemption Notice Period |
| Common collective trust funds | $ 6,796,584 | $ - | Daily | 1 day |

## Note 6: Plan Termination

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

## Note 7: Tax Status

The Plan operates under a standardized adoption agreement in connection with a prototype 401(k) profit-sharing plan and trust sponsored by Fidelity Management Trust Company. This prototype plan document has been filed with the appropriate agency and has obtained a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that the prototype constitutes a qualified plan under Section 401 of the IRC and that the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan and the related trust are currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

### Note 8: Risks and Uncertainties

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

### Note 9: Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through September 4, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# Supplemental Schedule

# The Container Store, Inc. 401(k) Plan

## EIN 75-1596981 PN 002

## Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

## December 31, 2017

| | Identity of Issuer | Description of Investment | Current Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Mutual Funds** | | |
| | Baron Growth Fund | 122,355 shares | $ 8,279,743 |
| | CRLN Small Cap Growth | 4,137 shares | 260,195 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2005 Fund | 1,145 shares | 14,375 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2010 Fund | 69,554 shares | 1,117,035 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund | 77,550 shares | 1,037,625 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund | 387,001 shares | 6,412,608 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund | 299,661 shares | 4,315,121 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund | 707,577 shares | 12,778,846 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund | 232,661 shares | 3,545,750 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund | 598,715 shares | 6,406,251 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund | 192,838 shares | 2,337,193 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund | 185,911 shares | 2,266,261 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund | 48,722 shares | 669,436 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund | 37,583 shares | 37,583 |
| * | Fidelity Freedom Income Fund | 58,486 shares | 688,968 |
| * | Fidelity Total Bond | 228,987 shares | 2,436,417 |
| * | Fidelity Contra Fund | 117,262 shares | 14,351,650 |
| * | Fidelity Low Priced Stock | 147,164 shares | 8,016,017 |
| | Fidelity 500 Index Fund | 160,911 shares | 15,037,142 |
| | Fidelity Extended Market Index Advantage | 6,498 shares | 403,221 |
| | Fidelity International Index Fund | 23,202 shares | 1,001,866 |
| | Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund | 305,743 shares | 3,543,567 |
| | Goldman Sachs Small Cap Value Fund | 13,049 shares | 792,460 |
| | Invesco International Growth Fund | 68,302 shares | 2,514,193 |
| | John Hancock Disciplined Value Fund | 220,460 shares | 4,817,040 |
| | MFS International Value Fund | 69,027 shares | 2,986,115 |
| | MFS Mid Cap Value Fund | 69,260 shares | 1,604,069 |
| | **Common Collective Trust** | | |
| | Wells Fargo Stable Value | 125,780 shares | 6,295,303 |
| * | **Participant Loans** | Various maturity dates through July 2026; interest rates from 4.25% to 5.75% | 2,355,410 |
| | | | $ 116,321,460 |

* Party-in-interest