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| <b>Form 5500</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security<br>Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b><br>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).<br><br><p style="text-align: center;">▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p> | OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br>1210-0089<br><br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2017</div><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| <b>Part I</b>                                                                                            | <b>Annual Report Identification Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2017</u> and ending <u>12/31/2017</u> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>A</b> This return/report is for:                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) ____ |
| <b>B</b> This return/report is:                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report <input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report<br><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report <input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)                                                                                                     |
| <b>C</b> If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . .                               | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>D</b> Check box if filing under:                                                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558 <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension <input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program<br><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>Part II</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>1a</b> Name of plan<br><u>JUSTIN BRANDS, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>003</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br/><u>01/01/2002</u></td> </tr> </table>                             | <b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <u>003</u>                                                       | <b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br><u>01/01/2002</u>       |  |
| <b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <u>003</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br><u>01/01/2002</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br><br><u>JUSTIN BRANDS, INC.</u><br><br><u>610 WEST DAGGETT STREET</u><br><u>FORT WORTH, TX 76104</u> | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><u>75-2403338</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br/><u>817-390-2531</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br/><u>316210</u></td> </tr> </table> | <b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>75-2403338</u> | <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br><u>817-390-2531</u> | <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br><u>316210</u> |  |
| <b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>75-2403338</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br><u>817-390-2531</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br><u>316210</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |

**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.

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| <b>SIGN HERE</b> | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/12/2018 | ANTHONY CAPOZZA                                              |
|                  | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|                  | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|                  | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br><br><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>                                                                   |
| <b>4</b> 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:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>5</b> 912                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><br><b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested ..... | <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div><br><b>6a(1)</b> 827<br><b>6a(2)</b> 656<br><b>6b</b> 1<br><b>6c</b> 75<br><b>6d</b> 732<br><b>6e</b> 1<br><b>6f</b> 733<br><b>6g</b> 602<br><b>6h</b> 90 |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>8a</b> If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:<br>2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D<br><br><b>b</b> If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
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**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☐ 0 **A** (Insurance Information)
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>SCHEDULE C</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Service Provider Information</b><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>2017</b>                                    |
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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2017** and ending **12/31/2017**

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>JUSTIN BRANDS, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</b>                     | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>003</b>                 |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>JUSTIN BRANDS, INC.</b> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>75-2403338</b> |

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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| <b>(b)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |                                                                    |
| <b>AMERICAN FUNDS</b>                                                                                             | <b>333 S. HOPE STREET<br/>50TH FLOOR<br/>LOS ANGELES, CA 90071</b> |

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| <b>(b)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |                                                   |
| <b>LORD ABBETT</b>                                                                                                | <b>90 HUDSON STREET<br/>JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302</b> |

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| <b>(b)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |                                                        |
| <b>MFS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT</b>                                                                                  | <b>111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE<br/>BOSTON, MA 02199-7618</b> |

|                                                                                                                   |                                                                |
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| <b>(b)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |                                                                |
| <b>PIMCO</b>                                                                                                      | <b>1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS<br/>NEW YORK, NY 10105-4800</b> |

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

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PUTNAM FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE  
BOSTON, MA 02109

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

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PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE  
BOSTON, MA 02109

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

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T. ROWE PRICE ASSOCIATES

100 E. PRATT ST  
BALTIMORE, MD 21212

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**(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)

KESTRA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC

1250 CAPITAL OF TEXAS HWY S  
BLDG 2 STE 125  
AUSTIN, TX 78746

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 27                     | INVESTMENT ADVISOR                                                                                | 21352                                                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

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

LANE GORMAN TRUBITT, PLLC

2626 HOWELL ST STE 700  
DALLAS, TX 75204

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 10                     | AUDITOR                                                                                           | 14300                                                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

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

USI ADVISORS INC

95 GLASTONBURY BLVD STE 102  
GLASTONBURY CT  
GLASTONBURY, CT 06033

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 27                     | INVESTMENT ADVISOR                                                                                | 3333                                                                   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

**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)

GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD  
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 64 15                  | RECORDKEEPER                                                                                      | 1275                                                                   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

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

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

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

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

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

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>SCHEDULE D</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | <b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2017</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>JUSTIN BRANDS, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</u>                            | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>►</b> <u>003</u>          |  |
| <b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>JUSTIN BRANDS, INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>75-2403338</u> |  |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b><br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND</u>            |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</u>   |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>04-3159710-202</u>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>5891490</u> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM S AND P 500 INDEX FUND CLASS</u> |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</u>   |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>04-2884233-201</u>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2450504</u> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                            |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                         |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code          | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)                |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                            |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                         |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code          | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)                |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                            |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                         |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code          | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)                |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                            |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                         |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code          | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)                |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                            |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                         |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code          | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)                |

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

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

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

**a** Plan name**b** Name of  
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of  
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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2017</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
| For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2017</u> and ending <u>12/31/2017</u>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                          |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>JUSTIN BRANDS, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <span style="float: right;">►</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <u>003</u>                                                                                               |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>JUSTIN BRANDS, INC.</u>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>75-2403338</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                          |

| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Asset and Liability Statement |                       |                 |
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| <b>1</b> 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. <b>Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.</b> 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 |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1a</b>                     | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1b(1)</b>                  | 403307                | 376907          |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1b(2)</b>                  | 4386                  | 4357            |
| <b>(3)</b> Other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>1b(3)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>c</b> General investments:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(1)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(2)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(3)(A)</b>               | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> All other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(3)(B)</b>               | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(4)(A)</b>               | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(4)(B)</b>               | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1c(5)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(6)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>1c(7)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(8)</b>                  | 945771                | 932494          |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1c(9)</b>                  | 9244459               | 8341994         |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1c(10)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(11)</b>                 | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(12)</b>                 | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(13)</b>                 | 18818543              | 21404322        |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(14)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(15)</b>                 | 0                     | 0               |

| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                              |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities .....                                        | <b>1d(1)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                     | <b>1d(2)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....   | <b>1e</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) ..... | <b>1f</b>    | 29416466              | 31060074        |

**Liabilities**

|                                                                           |           |      |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|-------|
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b> | 0    | 0     |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b> |      |       |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b> | 0    | 0     |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b> | 3203 | 24374 |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b> | 3203 | 24374 |

**Net Assets**

|                                                           |           |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) ..... | <b>1l</b> | 29413263 | 31035700 |
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**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

**Income**

|                                                                                                            |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>a Contributions:</b>                                                                                    |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....                                        | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 379195     |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Participants .....                                                                              | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 1215766    |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....                                                              | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 79365      |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    | 0          | 1674326   |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            |           |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>                                                                          |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....       | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                        | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                         | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 41408      |           |
| <b>(F)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                              | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 41408     |
| (2) Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....                                                            | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> | 0          | 1017315   |
| <b>(B)</b> Common stock .....                                                                              | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                  | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 1017315    |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                  | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 1017315   |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            | 0         |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....                                 | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> | 0          | 0         |
| <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                              | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                  | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate .....                         | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> | 0          | 0         |
| <b>(B)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....         | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            |           |

|                                                                                                |        | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                             | 2b(6)  |            | 518261    |
| (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) |            | 2305456   |
| c Other income .....                                                                           | 2c     |            | 47577     |
| d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....               | 2d     |            | 5604343   |

**Expenses**

|                                                                                     |       |         |         |
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| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                 |       |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....      | 2e(1) | 3940090 |         |
| (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) |         | 3940090 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                 | 2f    |         | 242     |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....         | 2g    |         | 1404    |
| h Interest expense.....                                                             | 2h    |         | 0       |
| i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees .....                              | 2i(1) | 14300   |         |
| (2) Contract administrator fees .....                                               | 2i(2) | 1275    |         |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees .....                                   | 2i(3) | 24595   |         |
| (4) Other .....                                                                     | 2i(4) | 0       |         |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....                 | 2i(5) |         | 40170   |
| j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j    |         | 3981906 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|                                                          |       |  |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|---------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d ..... | 2k    |  | 1622437 |
| l Transfers of assets:                                   |       |  |         |
| (1) To this plan.....                                    | 2l(1) |  |         |
| (2) From this plan .....                                 | 2l(2) |  |         |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

**b** Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

(1) Name: LANE GORMAN TRUBITT, LLC

(2) EIN: 75-1044330

**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:

**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.).....

**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.) .....

|    | Yes | No | Amount |
|----|-----|----|--------|
| 4a |     | X  |        |
| 4b |     | X  |        |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           | Yes | No | Amount  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|----|---------|
| <b>c</b> 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.) .....                                          | <b>4c</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>d</b> 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.) .....                               | <b>4d</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>4e</b> | X   |    | 3000000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....                                                                                       | <b>4f</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>g</b> 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? .....                                                    | <b>4g</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>h</b> 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? .....                                          | <b>4h</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) .....                                                                | <b>4i</b> | X   |    |         |
| <b>j</b> 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.) ..... | <b>4j</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....                                                           | <b>4k</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....                                                                                                                                            | <b>4l</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....                                                                                                  | <b>4m</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>n</b> 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. ....                                      | <b>4n</b> |     | 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) |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                       |              |             |
|                       |              |             |
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**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.)

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| <b>SCHEDULE R</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Retirement Plan Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2017</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

|                                                                                             |                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>JUSTIN BRANDS, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</u>                     | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶<br><u>003</u>              |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>JUSTIN BRANDS, INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>75-2403338</u> |

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Distributions</b> |
|---------------|----------------------|

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| <b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions .....                                                                                                                             | <b>1</b> | <u>0</u> |
| <b>2</b> 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):<br><br>EIN(s): <u>84-1455663</u> |          |          |
| <b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |          |
| <b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....                                                                                                                                   | <b>3</b> |          |

|                |                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Part II</b> | <b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |                             |                              |
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| <b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>5</b> 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. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____<br><b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b> |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>6a</b>                    |                             |                              |
| <b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>6b</b>                    |                             |                              |
| <b>c</b> 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) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>6c</b>                    |                             |                              |
| <b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>8</b> 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? .....                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

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| <b>Part III</b> | <b>Amendments</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                   |                                   |                               |                             |
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| <b>9</b> 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. .... | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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|                |                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Part IV</b> | <b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>b</b> If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2017  
v. 170203

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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:

|                                                                          |            |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>a</b> The current year .....                                          | <b>14a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year ..... | <b>14b</b> |  |
| <b>c</b> The second preceding plan year .....                            | <b>14c</b> |  |

- 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:

|                                                                                                       |            |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year ..... | <b>15a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....                            | <b>15b</b> |  |

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

|                                                                                                                                                                        |            |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....                                                                               | <b>16a</b> |  |
| <b>b</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 ..... | <b>16b</b> |  |

- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

# Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

## **Justin Brands, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan**

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016



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JUSTIN BRANDS, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

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### Independent Auditor's Report

The Administrative Committee of  
Justin Brands, Inc. 401 (k) Savings Plan

### Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Justin Brands, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Plan 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.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audit 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 United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Plan Administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Great-West Trust Company, LLC, the Trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the Plan Administrator that the Trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The Plan Administrator has obtained a certification from the Trustee as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, that the information provided to the Plan Administrator by the Trustee is complete and accurate.

### 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 of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2017 is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 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 the supplemental schedule referred to above.

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 Trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

LANE GORMAN TRUBITT, LLC

Dallas, Texas

October 11, 2018

Justin Brands, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
December 31,

|                                       | <u>2017</u>              | <u>2016</u>              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                          |                          |
| Investments, at fair value:           |                          |                          |
| Mutual funds                          | \$ 21,404,322            | \$ 18,818,542            |
| Common / collective trust funds       | <u>8,341,994</u>         | <u>9,244,460</u>         |
| Total investments                     | 29,746,316               | 28,063,002               |
| Receivables                           |                          |                          |
| Employer contributions                | 376,907                  | 403,307                  |
| Participant contributions             | 4,357                    | 4,386                    |
| Notes receivable from participants    | <u>932,494</u>           | <u>945,771</u>           |
| Total receivables                     | <u>1,313,758</u>         | <u>1,353,464</u>         |
| <br>Total assets                      | <br>31,060,074           | <br>29,416,466           |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                    |                          |                          |
| Excess contributions payable          | <u>24,374</u>            | <u>3,203</u>             |
| Total liabilities                     | <u>24,374</u>            | <u>3,203</u>             |
| <br>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | <br><u>\$ 31,035,700</u> | <br><u>\$ 29,413,263</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Justin Brands, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan  
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
Years Ended December 31,

|                                                         | <u>2017</u>          | <u>2016</u>          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ADDITIONS                                               |                      |                      |
| Investment income:                                      |                      |                      |
| Interest and dividends                                  | \$ 1,058,723         | \$ 551,092           |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments           | 2,823,717            | 976,390              |
| Other investment income                                 | 47,577               | 17,757               |
| Contributions:                                          |                      |                      |
| Participant - deferrals                                 | 1,215,766            | 1,276,106            |
| Participant - rollovers                                 | 79,365               | 36,889               |
| Employer                                                | <u>379,195</u>       | <u>402,302</u>       |
| Total additions                                         | 5,604,343            | 3,260,536            |
| DEDUCTIONS                                              |                      |                      |
| Benefit payments to participants                        | 3,941,736            | 4,475,309            |
| Administrative expenses                                 | <u>40,170</u>        | <u>14,350</u>        |
| Total deductions                                        | <u>3,981,906</u>     | <u>4,489,659</u>     |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE)                                 | 1,622,437            | (1,229,123)          |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, at beginning of year | <u>29,413,263</u>    | <u>30,642,386</u>    |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, at end of year       | <u>\$ 31,035,700</u> | <u>\$ 29,413,263</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Justin Brands, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Justin Brands, Inc. 401(k) Savings 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 covers substantially all employees of Justin Brands, Inc. and affiliated companies (collectively referred to as the "Company"), except those employees covered under collective bargaining agreements that do not provide for plan participation, sales representatives of the Justin Boot Company who are compensated solely on the basis of sales commissions and employed on or after November 1, 1992, and employees of Tony Lama Company prior to July 1, 1994.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established by the Company under the provision of Section 401(a) of the United States Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), which includes a qualified cash or deferred arrangement as described in Section 401(k) of the IRC for the benefit of eligible employees of the Company.

The Plan was established in the year 2002 and was created through the spin-off of a portion of the Justin Industries, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan relating to footwear employees. Participants who were employed as of December 31, 2001 who were Participants prior to the spin-off of the Plan were made 100% vested in their account balances on that date.

Each covered employee must have completed three months of service with the Company and reached the age of 18 to be eligible to participate in the Plan, provided that 250 hours of service are completed within the first three months of employment. If the hours of service requirement is not met within the specified three month timeframe, the service requirement for participation is extended to one year. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

The Plan is administered by the Administrative Committee (the "Plan Administrator"), which consists of members of Company management. The duties of the Plan Administrator are to oversee the operations of the Plan and to provide for prudent investment of Plan assets. Accordingly, the Plan Administrator has been granted discretionary authority concerning investment and management activities. The Plan's trustee, Great-West Trust Company, LLC (the "Trustee"), a subsidiary of Empower Retirement, is responsible for the custody and management of the Plan's assets (see Note 3).

Contributions

Participants may elect to defer a portion of their compensation into the Plan up to a maximum deferral of 100%, subject to a maximum contribution under Section 402(g) of the IRC. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other eligible retirement plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. For employees hired after January 1, 2008, the Plan has an automatic enrollment feature whereby the Company automatically deducts 3% from eligible employees' compensation. The automatic deferral percentage increases 1% per year until it reaches 5%. Employees and participants can elect to stop or change this automatic contribution.

Company matching contributions are set annually at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. During 2017 and 2016, the Company matched the lesser of 50% of each employee's voluntary pre-tax contributions, or 50% of the first 5% of the employee's adjusted 401(k) earnings. Contributions are subject to certain limitations. Generally, participants must be actively employed on the last day of the Plan year to share in employer matching contributions.

Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each of the Plan's participants to reflect the participant's contributions and related employer matching contributions, as well as the participant's share of investment income, appreciation (depreciation), and any related administrative expenses. The participant determines both the amount to be invested and the allocation of the investment to one or more of the investment funds. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is limited to the amount of the participant's vested account balance.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective contributions and the earnings received on those contributions. Vesting in the remainder of their accounts and the earnings thereon is based upon years of service with the Company. After completing three years of service, participants will be 100% vested. Less than three years of service will result in 0% vesting. Full and immediate vesting will also occur upon attainment of normal retirement age, death, or disability. Participants who leave the Company before they are fully vested in the Company's contributions forfeit their non-vested portion.

Notes Receivable from Participants

The Plan allows for participants to borrow from his or her account under the Plan. These borrowings must be for an amount not less than \$1,000 and not greater than the lesser of 50% of the participant's vested account balance or \$50,000. The notes receivable are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Trustee. Currently, the loan interest rate is determined by the Trustee using the Prime interest rate in effect as of the first business day of the month in which the loan is originated, plus 1%. Any loan must be repaid within five years unless otherwise approved. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

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

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct the contributions made to the Plan to any one or more of the investment funds determined at the discretion of the Plan Administrator and in such multiples as the participant prescribes. A participant may change his or her investment direction with respect to future contributions or redirect the investment of his or her account balances.

Payment of Benefits

On retirement, death, disability, or termination of service, a participant (or participant's beneficiary in the event of death) may elect to receive a lump-sum distribution equal to the participant's vested account balance. In addition, in-service and hardship distributions are permitted if certain criteria are met. Participants may not make contributions for at least six months after the receipt of a hardship distribution. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$57,096 and \$55,013, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions or pay administrative expenses. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, forfeitures will be used to reduce employer contributions by \$17,120 and \$22,971, respectively.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") are as follows:

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Certain administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Plan. The remaining administrative expenses are paid by the Company. The Plan has no obligation to reimburse the Company for the expenses paid on its behalf.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent net assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are stated at fair value. Changes in fair value are reflected in operations. Mutual funds and common / collective trust funds represent investments with various investment managers. The respective fair values of these investments are determined by reference to the fund's underlying assets, which are principally marketable equity and fixed income securities. Shares held in mutual funds are traded on national securities exchanges and are valued at the net asset value at year end, which is considered to be fair value. Units held in common / collective trust funds are valued at the unit value as reported by the investment managers at year end. Interest and other income are recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on the trade-date basis. The net appreciation (depreciation) of investments, including realized gains and losses on sales during the year and current changes in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the market value of investments held at year-end, is presented in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. Brokerage fees, if any, are added to the acquisition costs of assets purchased and subtracted from the proceeds of assets sold.

The Plan provides for investments in various investment securities which, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Further, due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits.

The Putnam Stable Value Fund (the "Fund") is a common / collective trust fund established and maintained by Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company. The investment objective of the Fund is to provide a competitive yield with minimal market-related risk. The Fund invests primarily in high-quality, guaranteed investment contracts or similar contracts issued by insurance companies, banks, and other financial institutions. The Fund also invests up to 75% of its assets in security-backed investment contracts, including separate accounts products of insurance companies. The Fund may also invest in high-quality money market instruments, cash, cash equivalents, and stable value funds with investment policies and other provisions similar to those of the Fund. The average crediting rate was approximately 2.32% and 2.10% at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The average yield at fair value was approximately 2.18% and 1.84% at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuers or otherwise. The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer and typically is adjusted quarterly. The crediting rate is designed to produce a return experience over time equal to the cumulative market return on the covered assets net of fees, but without the day-to-day fluctuations in value typically associated with fixed income securities. Further information regarding the Fund can be obtained from its audited financial statements.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (Continued)

The Putnam S&P 500 Index Fund (the "Index Fund") is a common / collective trust fund established and maintained by Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company. The investment objective of the Index Fund is to achieve a return, before the assessment of fees, that closely approximates the return of the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index ("S&P 500 Index"), a common measure of U.S. market performance. The Index Fund invests primarily in the securities that constitute the S&P 500 Index, either directly or through the purchase of shares of collective investment trusts having investment objectives similar to that of the Index Fund. For liquidity and hedging purposes, the Index Fund may invest in high-quality, money market instruments and in money market funds that invest exclusively in high-quality, money market instruments. The Index Fund also uses stock index futures contracts in order to manage transaction costs and minimize tracking errors between the Index Fund and the S&P 500 Index. Subscriptions to the Index Fund are accepted on a daily basis, and units are credited based upon the net asset value per unit as of the close of business on the date the subscription is received by the trustee. Withdrawals are generally permitted daily at a redemption price equal to the net asset value per unit redeemed as determined by the trustee. Further information regarding the Index Fund can be obtained from its audited financial statements.

3. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S TRUSTEE

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the United States Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the Trustee has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate as of and for the years ended December 31:

|                                               | 2017                 | 2016                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Investments, at fair value:                   |                      |                      |
| Mutual funds                                  | \$ 21,404,322        | \$ 18,818,542        |
| Common / collective trust funds               | 8,341,994            | 9,244,460            |
| Total investments                             | 29,746,316           | 28,063,002           |
| Notes receivable from participants            | 932,494              | 945,771              |
| Total assets certified by the Plan's Trustee  | <u>\$ 30,678,810</u> | <u>\$ 29,008,773</u> |
|                                               | 2017                 | 2016                 |
| Investment income:                            |                      |                      |
| Interest and dividends                        | \$ 1,058,723         | \$ 551,092           |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 2,823,717            | 976,390              |
| Other investment income                       | 47,577               | 17,757               |
| Total investment income                       | <u>\$ 3,930,017</u>  | <u>\$ 1,545,239</u>  |

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

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, 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 the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described below:

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

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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

*Level 2:* Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

The asset's 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 the observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were no significant transfers in or out of levels 1, 2, or 3.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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

*Common / collective trust funds:* Valued, as a practical expedient, at the NAV of units held by the Plan at year-end.

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2017:

|                                          | Level 1       | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total         |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Mutual funds                             | \$ 21,404,322 | \$ -    | \$ -    | \$ 21,404,322 |
| Total assets in the fair value hierarchy | \$ 21,404,322 | \$ -    | \$ -    | 21,404,322    |
| Common / collective trust funds (a)      |               |         |         | 8,341,994     |
| Total investments at fair value          |               |         |         | \$ 29,746,316 |

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2016:

|                                          | Level 1       | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total         |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Mutual funds                             | \$ 18,818,542 | \$ -    | \$ -    | \$ 18,818,542 |
| Total assets in the fair value hierarchy | \$ 18,818,542 | \$ -    | \$ -    | 18,818,542    |
| Common / collective trust funds (a)      |               |         |         | 9,244,460     |
| Total investments at fair value          |               |         |         | \$ 28,063,002 |

(a) These investments are valued using net asset value as a practical expedient, and therefore have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

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5. NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS

Notes receivable from participants are due at various dates through July 2032. Payments include interest at a reasonable and fair rate based on the prevailing rates charged by reputable financial institutions. The notes are collateralized by the participant's vested interest in the Plan.

Participant loans earned interest of \$41,408 and \$36,172 for the years ending December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Interest earned is allocated to participants on a pro-rata basis.

6. REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were no reportable transactions, notes receivable from participants in default or uncollectible, investment assets acquired and disposed of within the Plan, or non-exempt transactions with parties-in-interest which would require supplemental presentation under DOL regulations.

7. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds and units of common / collective trust funds managed by Putnam, an affiliate of Great-West Trust Company, LLC; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Any purchases and sales of these investments are performed on the open market at fair value. Such transactions, while considered party-in-interest transactions under ERISA regulations, are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are specifically exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

8. 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 and the IRC. The Plan provides for full and immediate vesting of all participant rights upon termination of the Plan.

9. INCOME TAX STATUS

Concurrent with the amending and restating of the Plan effective June 1, 2016, the Company adopted the Great-West Trust Company, LLC Defined Contribution Prototype Plan and Trust – Basic Plan Document No. 11. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has issued an opinion letter dated March 31, 2014 stating that this prototype plan is acceptable under Section 401(a) of the IRC for use by employers for the benefit of their employees. The Company is relying on the opinion letter (in accordance with Announcement 2001-77) that the Plan meets the qualification requirements of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain 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, 2017 and 2016, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) 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 2014.

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10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 11, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective January 1, 2018, the Plan document was amended such that discretionary employer matching contributions will be determined and funded per payroll period as opposed to annually. In connection with this amendment, the Plan document was also amended such that former allocation conditions for the discretionary employer matching contribution have been removed, specifically, the condition that participants must be actively employed on the last day of the Plan year to share in employer matching contributions.

Effective May 1, 2018, the following amendments were made to the Plan document: (1) interns, temporary, and seasonal employees are excluded from participation; (2) the age requirement of 18 to be eligible to participate in the Plan has been removed; (3) the 250 hours of service requirement to be completed within the first three months of employment has been removed, leaving the service requirement at three months of service; (4) entry into the Plan is now permitted as of the first day of each calendar month, as opposed to the first day of each calendar quarter; (5) participant elective deferrals may not exceed 80% of annual compensation, as opposed to the former 100% maximum; (6) the automatic deferral percentage will increase by 1% per year up to a maximum of 10% of compensation, as opposed to the former 5% maximum; and (7) in-service distributions for participants who have attained age 59 ½ are now allowed from the Plan from all vested contribution sources.

Also effective May 1, 2018, the Plan document was amended such that discretionary employer matching contributions vest according to a six-year graded vesting schedule, whereby the participants' employer matching contribution accounts will vest in increments of 20% beginning with the second full year of service, with full vesting occurring after the attainment of six years of service. This six-year graded vesting schedule will only apply to employees whose employment commencement date occurs on or after May 1, 2018. Employees whose employment commencement date began prior to May 1, 2018 will continue to vest in accordance with the three-year cliff vesting schedule originally adopted by the Plan.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Justin Brands, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan  
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
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Plan Number: 003  
December 31, 2017

| (a) | (b) Identity of issuer, borrower,<br>lessor, or similar party | (c) Description of investment including maturity<br>date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value | (d) Cost | (e) Current<br>value |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
|     |                                                               | MUTUAL FUNDS                                                                                                   |          |                      |
|     | American Funds                                                | American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund - Class R4                                                              | **       | \$ 1,602,340         |
|     | American Funds                                                | American Funds Growth Fund of America - Class R4                                                               | **       | 2,904,148            |
| *   | Putnam                                                        | George Putnam Balanced Fund - Class Y                                                                          | **       | 859,552              |
|     | Lord Abbett                                                   | Lord Abbett Mid Cap Stock Fund - Class A                                                                       | **       | 1,681,336            |
|     | MFS                                                           | MFS International New Discovery Fund - Class A                                                                 | **       | 1,144,609            |
|     | PIMCO                                                         | PIMCO Total Return Fund - Class A                                                                              | **       | 1,164,400            |
| *   | Putnam                                                        | Putnam Capital Opportunities Fund - Class Y                                                                    | **       | 1,364,089            |
| *   | Putnam                                                        | Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Growth Fund - Class Y                                                          | **       | 1,104,559            |
| *   | Putnam                                                        | Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Balanced Fund - Class Y                                                        | **       | 935,605              |
| *   | Putnam                                                        | Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Conservative Fund - Class Y                                                    | **       | 1,902,436            |
| *   | Putnam                                                        | Putnam Equity Income Fund - Class Y                                                                            | **       | 2,778,857            |
| *   | Putnam                                                        | Putnam Mortgage Securities Fund - Class Y                                                                      | **       | 1,172,056            |
|     | T. Rowe Price                                                 | T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund - Advisor Class                                                            | **       | 2,790,335            |
|     |                                                               |                                                                                                                |          | <u>21,404,322</u>    |
|     |                                                               | COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUST FUNDS                                                                                |          |                      |
| *   | Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company                                | Putnam S&P 500 Index Fund                                                                                      | **       | 2,450,504            |
| *   | Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company                                | Putnam Stable Value Fund                                                                                       | **       | 5,891,490            |
|     |                                                               |                                                                                                                |          | <u>8,341,994</u>     |
|     |                                                               | NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS                                                                             |          |                      |
| *   | Participant Loans                                             | Interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 5.25%, maturing at various<br>dates through July 2032                     | \$ -     | 932,494              |
|     |                                                               |                                                                                                                |          | <u>\$ 30,678,810</u> |

\* Column (a) indicates each entity known to be a party-in-interest

\*\* Cost information is omitted when reporting investments that are participant directed

| INVESTMENT OPTION | MATURITY DATE | INTEREST RATE | COST OF ASSETS | CURRENT VALUE |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| IPACYX            |               |               | 1,799,085.08   | 1,902,436.06  |
| IPABYX            |               |               | 878,229.85     | 935,604.52    |
| IPAGYX            |               |               | 964,112.17     | 1,104,559.11  |
| IREREX            |               |               | 1,297,735.38   | 1,602,340.42  |
| IMIDAX            |               |               | 851,372.13     | 1,144,609.14  |
| IPYCOX            |               |               | 1,364,874.58   | 1,364,088.78  |
| ILAVLX            |               |               | 1,155,517.17   | 1,681,335.94  |
| IPEIYX            |               |               | 2,146,491.24   | 2,778,856.70  |
| IPT-SP5           |               |               | 1,559,684.44   | 2,450,503.91  |
| IRGAEX            |               |               | 2,324,219.76   | 2,904,147.50  |
| IPGEYX            |               |               | 628,464.84     | 859,551.81    |
| IPABGX            |               |               | 1,609,367.59   | 2,790,335.49  |
| IPUSYX            |               |               | 1,270,382.80   | 1,172,056.13  |
| IPTTAX            |               |               | 1,210,396.11   | 1,164,400.21  |
| IPCSV50           |               |               | 5,834,394.35   | 5,834,394.35  |
|                   |               |               | 24,894,327.49  | 29,689,220.07 |
| PARTICIPANT LOANS | VARIOUS       | 4.250-5.250   | 931,795.20     | 932,494.03    |
| FORFEITURES       |               |               | 57,095.69      | 57,095.69     |

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|                    |                                          |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| LEGEND             |                                          |
| INVESTMENT OPTION: |                                          |
| IPACYX             | Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Con Y    |
| IPAGYX             | Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Growth Y |
| IMIDAX             | MFS International New Discovery A        |
| ILAVLX             | Lord Abbott Mid Cap Stock A              |
| IPT-SP5            | Putnam S & P 500 Index Fund Class A      |
| IPGEYX             | George Putnam Balanced Y                 |
| IPUSYX             | Putnam US Government Income Y            |
| IPCSV50            | Putnam Stable Value Fund                 |
| IPABYX             | Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Bal Y    |
| IREREX             | American Funds EuroPacific Gr R4         |
| IPYCOX             | Putnam Capital Opportunities Y           |
| IPEIYX             | Putnam Equity Income Y                   |
| IRGAEX             | American Funds Growth Fund of Amer R4    |
| IPABGX             | T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Adv       |
| IPTTAX             | PIMCO Total Return A                     |

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year  
CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year