Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 03/01/2017 and ending 02/28/2018

A This return/report is for:
- ☐ a multiemployer plan
- ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- ☒ a single-employer plan
- ☐ a DFE (specify) ___

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

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

D Check box if filing under:
- ☒ Form 5558
- ☐ automatic extension
- ☐ the DFVC program
- ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 03/01/1993

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

ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

10 S. RIVERSIDE PLAZA
SUITE 1600
CHICAGO, IL 60606

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3108701

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
312-630-9880

2d Business code (see instructions)
523900

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	12/14/2018	DON RALPH
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	12/14/2018	DON RALPH
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	301
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	259
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	259
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	40
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	299
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	299
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	244
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2F 2G 2J 2S 2T 3D 3H

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

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

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2017 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2017 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

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A Name of plan
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3108701

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY U.S.A. - JOHN HANCOCK USA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
01-0233346	65838	62531	244	03/01/2017	02/28/2018

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
21093	30198

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

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT
RICHARD M PERLIN
5215 OLD ORCHARD RD STE 1200
SKOKIE, IL 60077

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	(e) Organization code
14069			3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
E.R.I.S.A., INC.
5215 OLD ORCHARD RD, SUITE 1030
SKOKIE, IL 60077-1088

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	(e) Organization code
7024	30198	TPA AND ANNUAL AUDIT/ACCOUNTING FEE	5

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

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

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

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

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	15334728

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity (3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

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

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

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee (3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

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

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** ☐ Long-term disability **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment **h** ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible) **j** ☐ HMO contract **k** ☐ PPO contract **l** ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

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

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2017** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3108701

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

JOHN HANCOCK USA

RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES
P.O. BOX 600
BUFFALO, NY 14201-0600

01-0233346

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

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

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

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE CO USA

01-0233346

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 67	RECORDKEEPER		Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [X]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

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

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

a Name:	**b** EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER AGGRESSIVE LS

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	772748

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER GROWTH LS

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	624650

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER BALANCED LS

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	801369

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER MODERATE LS

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	272988

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER CONSERV LS

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	1237257

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN CENTURY HERITAGE

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	107212

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

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	342887

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 63669

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN SMALL-MID GROWTH

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 216801

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 84084

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 98785

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 65416

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 305479

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ISHARES GOLD TRUST ETF

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 20836

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 17084

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 575866

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 162298

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NATURAL RESOURCES FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	10176
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	27299
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: OPPENHEIMER DEVELOPING MKT			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	434053
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: REAL EST. SECURITIES FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	61990
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	387967
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP INDEX FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	236121
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL COMPANY VALUE FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	11383
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SCI & TECH			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	214943
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TOCQUEVILLE GOLD FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	56566
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD ENERGY FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	132842

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	VANGUARD MID-CAP GROWTH ETF		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	13771
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	VANGUARD SMALL CAP GROW INDEX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	285611
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	VANGUARD SMALL CAP VALUE INDEX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	124442
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	WISDOMTREE MIDCAP DIVIDEND ETF		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	109627
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	500 INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2539897
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOCATION		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	43322
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	487832
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	CAPITAL APPRECIATION FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	381988
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	CLEARBRIDGE AGGRESSIVE GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	68025
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	DOMINI IMPACT EQUITY FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	36065

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EQUITY INCOME FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	19160
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN MUTUAL BEACON FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	49886
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MUTUAL GLOBAL DISCOVERY			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	138665
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL ALL CAP CORE FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	280905
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL INVESTORS			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	134160
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL LARGE CAP VALUE			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	35643
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK DISCIPLINED VALUE			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	257005
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMORGAN U.S. EQUITY FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	257338
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: OPPENHEIMER GLOBAL			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	108771
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE EQUITY INC			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	20660

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	T. ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCI		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	93886
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	TEMPLETON WORLD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	80539
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	321380
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	U.S. GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	87560
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	UTILITIES FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4213
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	VANGUARD TOT WLD STK INDEX ETF		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	24728
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	AMERICAN BALANCED FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	417509
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	GLOBAL BOND FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	51353
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	HIGH YIELD FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	85024
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PIMCO GLOBAL BOND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	13907

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: STRATEGIC INCOME OPP FUND

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 26140

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SPECTRUM INC

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 24694

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY ADVISOR TOTAL BOND

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 88624

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESTMENT QUAL BOND FUND

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15931

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK BOND FUND

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 119433

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 844345

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SHORT-TERM FEDERAL

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 299920

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a Plan name

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

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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

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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 03/01/2017 and ending 02/28/2018

A Name of plan
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3108701

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	101	
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	289483	273474
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	12502744	15334728
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	12792328	15608202
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k		
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	12792328	15608202

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)		
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1381665	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	65263	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1446928
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	11880	
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		11880
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		1774530
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		27438
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3260776
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	360192	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		360192
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		53763
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	748	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	30199	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		30947
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		444902
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		2815874
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) [ ] Unqualified (2) [ ] Qualified (3) [X] Disclaimer (4) [ ] Adverse

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

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

(1) Name: BAKER TILLY VIRCHOW KRAUSE LLP (2) EIN: 39-0859910

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a	X		4387
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n			

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

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

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

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

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This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 03/01/2017 and ending 02/28/2018

A Name of plan
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3108701

Part I Distributions

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 01-0233346

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

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

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

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

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

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

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

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

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
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):

ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.
401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

Chicago, Illinois

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Including Independent Auditors' Report

As of February 28, 2018 and 2017
and for the Year Ended February 28, 2018

ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

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Note: Supplemental schedules required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 not included as part of these statements are not applicable to the Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participants and Trustees
Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan
Chicago, Illinois

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of the Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of February 28, 2018 and 2017, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended February 28, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), the Plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), the custodian of the Plan (the "Custodian"), except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the Plan administrator that the Custodian holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The Plan administrator has obtained a certification from the Custodian as of February 28, 2018 and 2017, and for the year ended February 28, 2018, that the information provided to the Plan administrator by the Custodian is complete and accurate.

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Disclaimer of Opinion

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

Other Matter

The supplemental schedules, Schedule H, Line 4(a) - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions and Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of and for the year ended February 28, 2018, are required by the DOL Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA and are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are 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 these supplemental schedules.

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 schedules, other than that derived from the information certified by the Custodian, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the DOL Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



Chicago, Illinois
December 13, 2018

ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
As of February 28, 2018 and 2017

ASSETS

	2018	2017
Investments, at fair value	$ 15,334,728	$ 12,502,744
Receivables:		
Participants' contributions	-	101
Notes receivable from participants	273,474	289,483
Total receivables	273,474	289,584
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 15,608,202	$ 12,792,328

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year Ended February 28, 2018

ADDITIONS	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 1,801,968
Interest on notes receivable from participants	11,880
Contributions:	
Participant	1,381,665
Rollover	65,263
Total contributions	1,446,928
Total additions	3,260,776
DEDUCTIONS	
Benefits paid to participants	413,955
Administrative expenses	30,947
Total deductions	444,902
Net increase	2,815,874
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - Beginning of Year	12,792,328
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - End of Year	$ 15,608,202

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
As of February 28, 2018 and 2017 and for the Year Ended February 28, 2018

NOTE 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Users of the financial statements should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established by Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Company") and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Zacks Analyst Watch, Inc., LBMZ Securities, Inc. and Zacks Investment Management, Inc. are affiliates of the Company and are covered by the Plan. The Plan administrator is responsible for oversight of the Plan, determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

Administration of Plan Assets

The Plan's assets are administered under a contract with John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), the custodian of the Plan (the "Custodian"). The Custodian invests funds received from contributions, investment sales, interest, and dividend income and makes distribution payments to participants.

Eligibility

All employees 21 years of age or older, except members of a collective bargaining unit and non-resident aliens with no U.S. source income, who have completed at least one month of service with the Company, as defined by the Plan document, are eligible to participate. Eligible employees may enter the Plan on the first day of each calendar month coinciding with or following the completion of the eligibility requirements. Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct Company and participant contributions to any combination of available investment options.

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 100 percent of annual compensation (salary reduction contributions) in the form of pre-tax and Roth contributions, as defined in the Plan document, up to the maximum limits of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). An eligible employee that has not made an affirmative election regarding Plan participation is automatically enrolled into the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 3 percent of pretax annual compensation and their contributions are invested into a designated fund until changed by the participant. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollover contributions). Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Company, at its sole discretion, may make a matching contribution to accounts of participants employed as of the end of the Plan year. The Company does not intend to make any matching contributions to the Plan and no contributions were made for the year ended February 28, 2018. Company contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") limitations.

NOTE 1 - Description of the Plan (cont.)

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's salary reduction contributions, rollover contributions and an allocation of the Company's contributions and Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations of Company contributions, Plan earnings and administrative expenses are based on the participant's eligible compensation, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined in the Plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately 100 percent vested in their salary reduction and rollover contributions, plus earnings thereon. Participants who leave the Plan because of death, early or normal retirement, or disability retirement, as defined in the Plan document, are considered 100 percent vested. Company discretionary contributions and earnings thereon vest in accordance with provisions of the Plan as follows:

Vesting Years of Service	Percentage Vested
0-1	0%
2	20%
3	40%
4	60%
5	80%
6+	100%

Forfeited Accounts

There were no forfeited non-vested accounts as of February 28, 2018 or 2017. These accounts would be used to reduce future Company contributions or administrative expenses of the Plan.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. Each participant is allowed to have only two loans outstanding at any time. These loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loans bear interest ranging from 4.25 percent to 5.50 percent, which is commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the Plan administrator and at various maturities through 2031. Loan terms range from one to five years or greater for the purchase of a primary residence. Principal and interest is paid ratably through regular monthly payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits may be paid to the participant or beneficiary upon death, disability, retirement or termination of employment, as defined in the Plan document. The Plan provides for normal retirement at age 65, but not before the fifth anniversary of a participant's entry date. In-service distributions are only allowed after attaining the age of 59.5. The Plan permits withdrawals of deferrals made through a default election within 90 days of the first automatic contribution. Participants experiencing financial hardship may withdraw a portion of their vested account balance, if certain criteria are met, as defined in the Plan document.

NOTE 1 - Description of the Plan (cont.)

Termination of Plan

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

NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Plan's management to use estimates and assumptions that affect the accompanying financial statements and disclosures. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan’s administrator determines the Plan’s valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and the Custodian. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at the unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of February 28, 2018 and 2017. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as benefit payments to participants based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Administrative Expenses

Almost all expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, including Custodian contract administration fees, third party administrator service fees and participant generated transaction fees. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant’s account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

NOTE 3 - Information Prepared and Certified by the Custodian

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA as of and for the years ended February 28, 2018 and 2017. Accordingly, the Custodian, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reported in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of February 28, 2018 and 2017, the supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of February 28, 2018 and the related investment activity reported in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended February 28, 2018.

NOTE 4 - Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value 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) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under authoritative guidance are described as follows:

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

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- 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 maximize the use of relevant observables and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

NOTE 4 - Fair Value Measurements (cont.)

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of February 28, 2018 and 2017:

> Pooled separate accounts are valued based upon the unit values of such pooled accounts held by the Plan at year end. Unit values are based on the fair value of the underlying assets of the fund derived from inputs principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means, although are not based upon quoted market prices in an active market. The underlying investments of the pooled separate accounts consist of mutual funds, each of which follows a separate investment strategy.

The Custodian's short-term trading policy permits a participant a maximum of two exchanges per calendar month. After the exchange limit, participants may move 100 percent of their account to the money market fund where it must remain for 30 days. Trading can resume only once the 30 days have expired. In addition, the Domini Impact Equity Fund has a 30 day holding period and participants are charged a 2 percent fee upon redemption if the holding period is not satisfied. There were no unfunded commitments as of February 28, 2018 and 2017.

The table below presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the hierarchy as of February 28, 2018 and 2017.

	Assets at fair value as of February 28, 2018			
	Total	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**
Pooled separate accounts	$ 15,334,728	$ -	$ 15,334,728	$ -

	Assets at fair value as of February 28, 2017			
	Total	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**
Pooled separate accounts	$ 12,502,744	$ -	$ 12,502,744	$ -

NOTE 5 - Related Party and Parties-In-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Custodian, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment manager services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. Additionally, the Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the participant's account balances. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by management or employees of the Company. No management personnel or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

NOTE 6 - Risks and Uncertainties

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

NOTE 7 - Tax Status

The Plan adopted provisions of a prototype non-standardized profit sharing plan with CODA maintained by Datair Employee Benefit Systems, Inc. The prototype plan obtained its latest determination letter on March 31, 2014, in which the IRS stated that the prototype plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since the prototype plan received the determination letter. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan, as amended, is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt at the financial statement date.

U.S. GAAP requires management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 8 - Concentrations

The Plan holds certain investments that represent 10 percent or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits. As of February 28, 2018 and 2017, the Plan held one such investment totaling $2,539,897 and $1,954,590, respectively.

NOTE 9 - Delinquent Participant Contributions

For the years ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, the Company did not remit certain participant contributions to the Plan on a timely basis as defined by the DOL Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Delinquent Participant Contributions Disclosure under ERISA. Untimely remittances identified on the Schedule H, Line 4(a) - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions totaled $4,387, of which $101 were corrected by the Plan sponsor in June 2017 relating to the Plan year ended February 28, 2017, and $4,286 were corrected by the Plan sponsor in November 2018 relating to the Plan year ended February 28, 2018. Additionally, the Company has compensated the participants for lost earnings resulting from the delay in contributions.

NOTE 10 - Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events for recognition or disclosure through December 13, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective March 1, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company amended the Plan to change the Plan year-end from the 12 month period beginning on March 1st, and ending on February 28th of each year to the 12 month period ending December 31st. The Plan shall have a short transition Plan year beginning March 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(a) - SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
Plan 001
EIN 36-3108701
For the Year Ended February 28, 2018

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan	Totals That Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside of VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
$ 4,387	$ -	$ 4,387	$ -	$ -

ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

SCHEDULE H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
Plan 001
EIN 36-3108701
As of February 28, 2018

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) ("JHLIC (U.S.A.)")	500 Index Fund	**	$ 2,539,897
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Lifestyle Conservative Fund	**	1,237,257
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Money Market Fund	**	844,345
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Lifestyle Balanced Fund	**	801,369
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Lifestyle Aggressive Fund	**	772,748
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Lifestyle Growth Fund	**	624,650
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	575,866
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Blue Chip Growth Fund	**	487,832
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Oppenheimer Developing Market Fund	**	434,053
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	American Funds American Balanced Fund	**	417,509
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Science & Technology Fund	**	387,967
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Capital Appreciation Fund	**	381,988
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	**	342,887
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Total Stock Market Index Fund	**	321,380
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Invesco Small Cap Growth Fund	**	305,479
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund	**	299,920
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index	**	285,611
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Fundamental All Cap Core Fund	**	280,905
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Lifestyle Moderate Fund	**	272,988
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	JPMorgan U.S. Equity Fund	**	257,338
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Disciplined Value Fund	**	257,005
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Small Cap Index Fund	**	236,121
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund	**	216,801
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	T. Rowe Price Science & Technology Fund	**	214,943
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Mid Cap Stock Fund	**	162,298
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Mutual Global Discovery Fund	**	138,665
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Fundamental Investors Fund	**	134,160
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Vanguard Energy Fund	**	132,842
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund	**	124,442
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	John Hancock Bond Fund	**	119,433
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	WisdomTree MC Dividend ETF	**	109,627
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Oppenheimer Global Fund	**	108,771
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	American Century Heritage Fund	**	107,212
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	International Small Cap Fund	**	98,785
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	T. Rowe Price Health Sciences Fund	**	93,886
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond	**	88,624
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Large Cap Fund	**	87,559
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	High Yield Fund	**	85,024
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	International Equity Index Fund	**	84,084
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Templeton World Fund	**	80,539
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	ClearBridge Aggressive Growth Fund	**	68,025
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	International Value Fund	**	65,416
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Financial Industries Fund	**	63,669
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Real Estate Securities Fund	**	61,990
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Tocqueville Gold Fund	**	56,566
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Global Bond Fund	**	51,353

ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

SCHEDULE H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (CONTINUED)
Plan 001
EIN 36-3108701
As of February 28, 2018

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Franklin Mutual Beacon Fund	**	49,886
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	BlackRock Global Allocation Fund	**	43,322
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Domini Impact Equity Fund	**	36,065
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Fundamental Large Cap Value Fund	**	35,643
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Small Cap Opportunities Fund	**	27,299
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Strategic Income Opportunity Fund	**	26,140
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Vanguard Total World Stock ETF	**	24,728
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income Fund	**	24,694
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	iShares Gold Trust ETF	**	20,836
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund	**	20,660
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Equity Income Fund	**	19,160
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Disciplined Value International Fund	**	17,084
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Investment Qual Bond Fund	**	15,931
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	PIMCO Global Bond Fund	**	13,907
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth ETF	**	13,772
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Small Company Value Fund	**	11,383
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Natural Resources Fund	**	10,176
*	JHLIC (U.S.A.)	Utilities Fund	**	4,213
*	Participant Loans	Maturing through 2031 with interest rates of 4.25% to 5.50%	-0-	273,474
	Total			$ 15,608,202

* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA
** Cost omitted for participant directed investments

This schedule has been prepared based on information certified as complete and accurate by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), Custodian.