Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2018 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2018 and ending 12/31/2018

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

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

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

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 07/01/2005

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)
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION

1050 DEARBORN DRIVE
COLUMBUS, OH 43085

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
81-3496944

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
614-888-0246

2d Business code (see instructions)
335900

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2019	SARA HARRIS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

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

a Sponsor's name VERTIV CO.

c Plan Name VERTIV CO. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

4b EIN 81-3496944

4d PN 001

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5** 5162
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)** 3588
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)** 3783
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b** 30
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c** 1116
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d** 4929
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e** 14
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f** 4943
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g** 4655
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h** 267
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**

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

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 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)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[ ] Insurance	**(1)**	[ ] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(4)**	[ ] General assets of the sponsor

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **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 2018 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2018 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury 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.**	**2018** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2018 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2018 and ending 12/31/2018

A Name of plan
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
81-3496944

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

VANGUARD GROUP INC.

23-1945930

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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)

THE VANGUARD GROUP INC.

23-1945930

(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 16 25 37 52	NONE	300773	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

HM CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

20-3287389

(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?
16	NONE	122496	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			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
THE VANGUARD GROUP INC	99	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
DODGE & COX 94-1441976	10 BPS

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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A Name of plan
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
81-3496944

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: VANGUARD RET. SAVINGS TRUST III

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

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)
38-7041744-024	C	12245186

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL GROUP INT'L EQUITY CLASS T

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CAPITAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

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)
95-6597294-154	C	18559275

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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)

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Financial Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
81-3496944

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)	8163464	353788
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	1022355	1155336
(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)	9509074	8398260
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	49241405	30804461
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	794338245	682835753
(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	862274543	723547598
	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	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	862274543	723547598

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)	8614479	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	28682650	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	10834281	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		48131410
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	546073	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		546073
	(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)	29513033	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		29513033
	(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)		0
	(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)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		-1229825
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(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)		-66295110
c Other income	2c		1225717
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		11891298
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	148968331	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	1180292	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		150148623
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		59301
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)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	410319	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		410319
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		150618243
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		-138726945
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: ERNST & YOUNG LLP **(2)** EIN: 34-6565596

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		25000000
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.**

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2018

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2018 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2018 and ending 12/31/2018

A Name of plan
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
81-3496944

Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 23-2186884

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 _____

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

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Report of Independent Auditors

Vertiv Group Corporation Retirement Committee
Vertiv Group Corporation Employee Retirement Savings Plan

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Vertiv Group Corporation Employee Retirement Savings Plan (formerly Vertiv Co. Employee Retirement Savings Plan), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 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 conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. 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 Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the certified investment information described in Note 4, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the entity that certified the investment information meets the requirements of 29 CFR 2520.103-8. The plan administrator has obtained certifications as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and for the year ended December 31, 2018, stating that the investment information provided to the plan administrator is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion on Financial Statements

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.

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Disclaimer of Opinion on Supplemental Schedule

The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2018 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule referred to above.

Report on Compliance of Form and Content with Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the certified investment information, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Ernst & Young LLP

October 14, 2019

VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN (FORMERLY VERTIV CO. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN)

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2018 and 2017, and Year Ended December 31, 2018

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Report on Compliance of Form and Content with Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the certified investment information, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Ernst & Young LLP

October 14, 2019

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN (FORMERLY VERTIV CO. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN)
(Dollars in millions)

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Investments at fair value	$ 713.6	$ 843.6
Employer contribution receivable	0.4	8.2
Participant contribution receivable	1.2	1.0
Participant notes receivable	8.4	9.5
Net assets available for benefits	$ 723.6	$ 862.3

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN (FORMERLY VERTIV CO. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN)
(Dollars in millions)

	Year ended December 31, 2018
Interest and dividend income, investments	$ 29.7
Interest income, participant loans	0.5
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(67.7)
Investment loss	(37.5)
Asset transfers in	0.2
Other additions	1.1
Asset transfers out	(1.2)
Employer contributions	8.6
Participant contributions	28.7
Rollovers	10.8
Benefits paid to participants	(149.0)
Administrative expenses	(0.4)
Decrease in assets available for benefits	(138.7)
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of period	862.3
Net assets available for benefits, end of period	$ 723.6

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

(1) DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Vertiv Group Corporation Employee Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) provides general information about the Plan's provisions. Effective January 1, 2018, the Plan was amended to change the name of the Plan from Vertiv Co. Employee Retirement Savings Plan to Vertiv Group Corporation Employee Retirement Savings Plan. Participants should refer to the plan document and summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, copies of which may be obtained from the plan sponsor. Vertiv Group Corporation (the Company) is the Plan Sponsor.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by the Company. The Plan covers substantially all employees of Avocent Huntsville, LLC, Electrical Reliability Services, Inc., Vertiv Energy Systems, Inc., Vertiv Services, Inc., High Voltage Maintenance Corporation, and Liebert Corporation. Effective February 1, 2018, service crediting and eligibility was added for Geist employees. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan upon hire and attainment of age 21. Certain employees who are part of a collective bargaining agreement and other employees, as defined in the plan document, are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

The Vertiv Group Corporation Retirement Committee is responsible for the general administration of the Plan. Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company is the trustee and recordkeeper for the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974, as amended.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute between 1% and 90% of compensation on a before-tax basis, a Roth 401(k) basis, an after-tax basis, or any combination thereof, as defined in the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollover contributions). The Plan has an automatic enrollment program. If automatically enrolled, a participant’s deferral is set at 6% of eligible compensation until changed by the participant. Participants are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Company contributes 50% of the first 6% of compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. Additional contributions may be contributed at the discretion of the Company’s board of directors. No such amounts were contributed for 2018. All contributions are subject to certain limitations of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Participants' Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and the Company's matching contributions and allocations of the Company's discretionary contributions, Plan earnings, and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. Allocation of matching contributions will be made in relation to the amount by which participants make elective deferrals. Allocations of the Company's discretionary contributions are based on the ratio of a participant's eligible compensation to total eligible compensation of all Plan participants. Plan earnings and dividends attributable to investments held in participants' accounts are credited to the participant's accounts. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Participants' Loans

Participants may borrow from their accounts in increments of $1 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance, not less than $500. Loan terms range from 1-5 years or up to 10 years for the purchase of a principal residence. A participant may not have more than one loan outstanding at any point in time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant’s account and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1%. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions over not more than five years, except for loans to purchase a principal residence. If a participant terminates employment with the Company, continued payments post termination are not permitted. If the loan is not repaid, it will automatically be treated as a distribution to the participant.

Vesting

Employer matching and discretionary contributions vest at a predetermined percentage for each full year of service in the Plan, at a rate of 20% per year, with 100% vested at the end of five years of service (whether or not consecutive). All amounts fully vest upon retirement, or due to death, total and permanent disability, or termination of the Plan. Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

During 2017, the Company sold its critical power business. As a result of this disposition, the Company considered a partial plan termination to have occurred. All impacted participants related to these dispositions became fully vested immediately in their participant accounts upon termination of employment according to Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") regulations. As a result, in 2018, approximately $1.2 of loans were transferred out of the Plan.

Investment Options

Participants designate the percentage of their total contribution to be invested in the various Plan investment choices in 1% increments. Participants may change their investment elections at any time, and transfer any part of an existing account balance to any other Plan investment, as permitted by Plan and fund policies. Transfers are also made in 1% increments. If no investment direction is provided by the participant, contributions of participants who are automatically enrolled are invested in the age-appropriate target retirement fund. The Company's contributions are invested in the same manner as that of the participant's elective contributions.

Payment of Benefits

Participants or their designated beneficiaries are entitled to receive the amounts credited to their accounts upon retirement, total and permanent disability, death, or termination. A participant whose vested account balance exceeds $5,000 may elect to receive a lump-sum. A participant whose vested account balance is $5,000 or less will automatically receive an immediate lump-sum distribution equal to their vested account balance. In-service withdrawals are available from all vested account balances under the plan if the participant has reached age 59 ½ or from certain accounts if the participant has suffered a financial hardship as described in the Plan. In addition, a participant may withdraw his or her rollover contributions or after-tax contributions at any time. In-service withdrawals are limited to one per calendar quarter.

Forfeitures

Upon termination of employment, participants forfeit their non-vested balances. If a participant is rehired within a five-year period, the forfeited contributions are reinstated. Forfeitures of unvested Company contributions are used to pay Plan administrative expenses or reduce future Company contributions. Unallocated forfeited balances as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, were approximately $0.0 and $0.2, respectively, and forfeitures used to reduce Company contributions for 2018 were approximately $0.8.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan’s administrative expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan’s provisions. Administrative expenses paid by the Plan include recordkeeping fees, trustee fees and other qualified Plan expenses. Expenses relating to purchases, sales, or transfers of the Plan’s investments are charged to the particular investment fund to which the expenses relate. All other administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements.

Plan Termination

Although the Company has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions and terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, the participants' accounts become fully vested.

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are the significant accounting policies followed by the Plan:

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting, except benefit payments which are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are recorded when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments in the Plan are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as 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 (an exit price). See Note 6 for further discussion and disclosures related to fair value measurements. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(3) TAX STATUS

The underlying volume submitter plan has received an advisory letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated March 31, 2014, stating that the form of the plan is qualified under Section 401 of the Code and, therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. The plan administrator has determined that it is eligible to, and has chosen to, rely on the current IRS volume submitter advisory letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualified status. The plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require plan 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. Plan management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

(4) INVESTMENTS

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulation for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the Plan administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee of the Plan that all of the information provided by the trustee and included in the accompanying financial statements and the supplemental schedule is complete and accurate. Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held and notes receivable from participants at December 31, 2018 and 2017 and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest, dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2018, was obtained or derived from information provided to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

(5) RELATED PARTY AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain investments in the Plan, including shares of some mutual funds and units of common/collective trust funds, are managed by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, the Plan's trustee and recordkeeper. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions; however, they are exempt from the prohibited transactions rules under ERISA.

(6) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Under Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820 *Fair Value Measurement*, a formal hierarchy and framework exists for measuring fair value and making disclosures about fair value measurements and the reliability of valuation inputs. Within the hierarchy, Level 1 instruments use observable market prices for the identical item in active markets and have the most reliable valuations. Level 2 instruments, of which there are none, are valued through broker dealer quotation or through market-observable inputs for similar items in active markets, including forward and spot prices, interest rates and volatilities. Level 3 instruments, of which there are none are valued using inputs not observable in an active market, such as entity-developed future cash estimates, and are considered the least reliable.

The following is a description of the valuation techniques and inputs used for each general type of assets measured at fair value:

Mutual Funds: The shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value (“NAV”) of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Common collective trust funds: The common collective trust funds are valued at the NAV provided by the administrator of the fund.

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

Following is a categorization of all investments by level within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	December 31, 2018			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 682.8	$ —	$ —	$ 682.8
Common/collective trust funds	30.8	—	—	30.8
Investments at fair value	$ 713.6	$ —	$ —	$ 713.6

	December 31, 2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 794.3	$ —	$ —	$ 794.3
Common/collective trust funds	49.3	—	—	49.3
Investments at fair value	$ 843.6	$ —	$ —	$ 843.6

(7) RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market volatility, 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.

(8) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2019, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective January 1, 2019, Plan amendments were executed by modifying the employer match, accelerating the vesting period for employer matching contributions from 5 year graded to 3 year graded (33% per year), adding service crediting and eligibility for Energy Lab Inc. employees, modifying the waiting period for eligibility for profit sharing contributions, and making changes to the hardship withdrawals as permitted under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. In 2019, Plan amendments were executed by allocating $0.8 to Plan participants related to the termination of the Emerson Network Power Energy Systems North America, Inc. Personal Pension Account Plan. Prior to the allocation to participants, this amount was contributed to the Plan in 2018 and is included within Other additions on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2018. Effective March 1, 2019, the employer contribution matching formula was amended to make it discretionary and was set at 50% of the first 6% of compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan.

VERTIV GROUP CORPORATION EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN (FORMERLY VERTIV CO. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN)

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) - Attachment for Schedule H, Line 4i

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	Identity of Issue	Investment Type	Cost	Current Value
	Baird Core Plus Bnd Instl	Registered Investment Company	$ 1,742,960	$ 1,725,335
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund	Registered Investment Company	48,657,616	44,758,078
*	Emerging Mkts Stk Idx Adm	Registered Investment Company	3,178,065	3,014,991
*	Vanguard Extend Mkt Index Inst	Registered Investment Company	20,807,627	20,701,533
*	Vanguard Growth Index Fund Ins	Registered Investment Company	17,155,894	18,278,133
*	Vanguard Inst Index Fund	Registered Investment Company	63,125,171	64,198,443
*	Inst Target Ret 2015 Fund	Registered Investment Company	12,635,885	12,580,521
*	Inst Target Ret 2020 Fund	Registered Investment Company	59,246,411	59,616,937
*	Inst Target Ret 2025 Fund	Registered Investment Company	65,478,146	65,649,655
*	Inst Target Ret 2030 Fund	Registered Investment Company	58,190,166	58,559,453
*	Inst Target Ret 2035 Fund	Registered Investment Company	32,775,908	32,777,757
*	Inst Target Ret 2040 Fund	Registered Investment Company	35,066,470	35,350,123
*	Inst Target Ret 2045 Fund	Registered Investment Company	18,911,759	18,766,159
*	Inst Target Ret 2050 Fund	Registered Investment Company	11,591,659	11,454,827
*	Inst Target Ret 2055 Fund	Registered Investment Company	4,879,340	4,755,885
*	Inst Target Ret 2060 Fund	Registered Investment Company	1,695,996	1,622,796
*	Inst Target Ret 2065 Fund	Registered Investment Company	105,171	95,168
*	Inst Target Ret Income Fund	Registered Investment Company	13,342,391	13,103,074
*	Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	27,520,876	25,872,374
*	Vanguard Morgan Grwth Adm	Registered Investment Company	68,711,833	67,713,830
*	Vanguard Selected Value	Registered Investment Company	34,262,497	26,996,687
*	Vanguard S-Term Bond Idx Inst	Registered Investment Company	5,882,299	5,841,938
*	Vanguard Total Bond Idx Inst	Registered Investment Company	40,387,965	39,745,798
*	Vanguard Total Intl Stk Inst	Registered Investment Company	9,802,305	9,373,234
*	Vanguard Treasury MM	Registered Investment Company	28,777,339	28,777,339
*	Value Index Fund Inst	Registered Investment Company	11,317,462	11,505,687
	Cap Group In't Eq TrustT	Common/Collective Trust	20,889,011	18,559,275
*	Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III	Common/Collective Trust	12,245,186	12,245,186
*	Loan Fund **	4.25% - 10%	8,398,260	8,398,260
	Total assets held for investment purposes		$ 736,781,668	$ 722,038,476

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