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 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

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
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1996

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)

ARES HOLDING CORPORATION

1440 CHAPIN AVENUE
SUITE 390
BURLINGAME, CA 94010

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-0682771

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 650-401-7100

2d Business code (see instructions) 541330

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.	10/15/2021	LINDSEY LYNCH
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

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

4b EIN

4d PN

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	687
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)**	350
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	411
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	3
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	298
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	712
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	5
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	717
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	639
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	17
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3H 3D 2R

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)	[X]	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 2020 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2020 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

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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
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-0682771

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
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

(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
93-0242990	69019	810343	110	01/01/2020	12/31/2020

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

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

(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

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	(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	

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	3329047
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	588081		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	0		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	0		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	2016850		
	▶ OTHER INCOME				
	(6) Total additions			7c(6)	2604931
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			7d	5933978
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	912636		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	-199		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	0		
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	1578116		
	▶ OTHER EXPENSES				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	2490553
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	3443425

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)**	0
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)**	0
(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)**	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2020** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION 401(K) PLAN	001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION	45-0682771

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

PENSIONMARK FINANCIAL GROUP LLC

61-1758632

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	51742	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65 71	RECORDKEEPER	49331	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.

04-2654524

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	12714	Yes [ ] No [X]	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)

SQUAR MILNER LLP

33-0835986

(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?
10	ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR	8950	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)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
BAIRD CORE PLUS INST - US BANCORP 39-0281260	0.02%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
BLKRK HI YLD BD INST - BNY MELLON	P.O. BOX 9793 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940	0.15%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
BNYM INTL CORE EQ I - BNY MELLON T	DREYFUS TRANSFER INC 200 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10166	0.25%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
CAUSEWAY EM MKTS IS - DST SYSTEMS 43-1581814	0.10%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
CBA SM CAP GR I - BNY MELLON INVES P.O. BOX 9793 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940	0.15%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
STANDARD STABLE VAL ONE BEACON ST UNIT 34 BOSTON, MA 02108	0.25%

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

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ARTISAN INTERNATL INVESTOR CLASS	875 EAST WISCONSIN AVENUE SUITE 800 MILWAUKEE, WI 53202	0.39%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
BARON ASSET	767 5TH AVENUE 49TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10153	0.40%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
BNY MELLON S&P 500 INDEX FUND	144 GLENN CURTISS BLVD 8TH FLOOR UNIONDALE, NY 11556	0.30%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
AMERICAN CAPITAL WORLD GRTH & INC 3500 WISEMAN BLVD SAN ANTONIO, TX 78251-4321	$18.00

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
COLUMBIA GLOBAL EQUITY VALUE FD CL 225 FRANKLIN ST BX25 10320 BOSTON, MA 02110	0.40%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
FIRSTHAND TECHNOLOGYOPPORTUNITIES 150 ALMADEN BLVD. SUITE 1250 SAN JOSE, CA 95113	0.40%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

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JANUS HENDERSON GLOBAL RESEACH T	151 DETROIT ST. DENVER, CO 80206	0.35%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
RED OAK TECHNOLOGY SELECT	225 PICTORIA DRIVE SUITE 450 CINCINNATI, OH 45246	0.40%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PIONEER FUND CLASS A	60 STATE STREET 17TH FL. BOSTON, MA 02109	0.40%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
SOUND SHORE FD INC 8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE SUITE 180 GREENWICH, CT 06830	0.40%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
WORLD PRECIOUS MINERALS FUND 3 CANAL PLAZA SUITE 600 PORTLAND, ME 04101	0.40%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
VICTORY RS PARTNERS FUND CL A 4900 TIEDEMAN RD 4TH FLOOR BROOKLYN, OH 44114	0.40%

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: SQUAR MILNER LLP
b EIN: 33-0835986
c Position: AUDITOR
d Address: 18500 VON KARMAN AVE 10 FLOOR
IRVINE, CA 92612
e Telephone: 949-222-2999

Explanation: CHANGED AUDITOR DUE TO FEES.

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

Explanation:

a Name:
b EIN:
c Position:
d Address:
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Explanation:

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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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2020

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For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

A Name of plan
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-0682771

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: WT SMART LC 2030 IS

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

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)
47-2356217-203	C	2246

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WT SMART LC 2025 IS

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

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)
47-2326359-202	C	1265934

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WT SMART LC 2045 IS

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

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)
47-2389583-206	C	28404

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WT SMART LC 2050 IS

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

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)
47-2399651-207	C	23724

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WT SMART LC 2020 IS

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

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)
47-2311365-201	C	54508

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WT SMART LC 2035 IS

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

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)
47-2367365-204	C	628719

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WT SMART LC 2040 IS

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

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)
47-2378136-205	C	293

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	24399	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	82919	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1704469	2004556
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	686
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	5977841	6660838
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	772101	684469
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	1852569	2003828
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	67571461	72517646
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	3329047	3443425
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	422

			(a) Beginning of Year	**(b)** End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	**1d(1)**	0	0
	(2) Employer real property	**1d(2)**	0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	**1e**	0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	**1f**	81314806	87315870
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	**1g**	0	0
h	Operating payables	**1h**	0	0
i	Acquisition indebtedness	**1i**	0	0
j	Other liabilities	**1j**	0	0
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	**1k**	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	**1l**	81314806	87315870

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)**	868725	
	(B) Participants	**2a(1)(B)**	3268200	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	**2a(1)(C)**	1299911	
	(2) Noncash contributions	**2a(2)**	0	
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	**2a(3)**		5436836
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	**2b(1)(A)**	9493	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	**2b(1)(B)**	0	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	**2b(1)(C)**	0	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	**2b(1)(D)**	0	
	(E) Participant loans	**2b(1)(E)**	31777	
	(F) Other	**2b(1)(F)**	60278	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	**2b(1)(G)**		101548
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	**2b(2)(A)**	0	
	(B) Common stock	**2b(2)(B)**	74427	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	**2b(2)(C)**	2701475	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	**2b(2)(D)**		2775902
	(3) Rents	**2b(3)**		0
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	**2b(4)(A)**	7629572	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	**2b(4)(B)**	7702489	
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	**2b(4)(C)**		-72917
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	**2b(5)(A)**	0	
	(B) Other	**2b(5)(B)**	2054933	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	**2b(5)(C)**		2054933

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		130374
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		8408282
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		18834958
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	12707619	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		12707619
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		3555
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	12714	
(4) Other	2i(4)	110006	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		122720
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		12833894
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		6001064
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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) [X] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [ ] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: COHEN & COMPANY LTD **(2)** EIN: 34-1912961

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		1064

			Yes	No	Amount
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	
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		1000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	**4n**		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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

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

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

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

2020

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

A Name of plan
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-0682771

Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 04-6568107

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part III Amendments

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**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):

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation_____

ARES Holding Corporation 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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ARES HOLDING CORPORATION 401(k) PLAN

DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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Independent Auditors' Report

Plan Participants and Board of Directors
ARES Holding Corporation 401(k) Plan

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of ARES Holding Corporation 401(k) Plan (the Plan), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these 2020 financial statements based on conducting the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the 2020 financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements.

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule

The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2020, is required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on this supplemental schedule.

Other Matter – 2019 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2019, were audited by predecessor auditors. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed the predecessor auditors not to perform, and they did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by the trustee of the Plan. Their report, dated October 15, 2020, indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that they did not audit, they were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, they did not express an opinion on the financial statements and (b) the form and content of the information included in the financial statements other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, was presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations 2020

The form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.



Youngstown, Ohio
October 13, 2021

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	2020	2019
INVESTMENTS – AT FAIR VALUE	$ 83,187,976	$ 77,106,340
GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY – AT CONTRACT VALUE	3,443,425	3,329,047
RECEIVABLES		
Employer contribution		24,399
Participant contributions		82,919
Notes receivable from participants	684,469	772,101
	684,469	879,419
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 87,315,870	$ 81,314,806

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	$ 2,629,966
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	10,736,379
	13,366,345
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	31,777
Contributions:	
Employer	868,725
Participants	3,268,200
Rollovers	1,299,911
	5,436,836
Total additions	18,834,958
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	
Benefits paid to participants	12,711,174
Administrative expenses	122,720
Total deductions	12,833,894
NET INCREASE	6,001,064
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:	
BEGINNING OF YEAR	81,314,806
END OF YEAR	$ 87,315,870

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the ARES Holding Corporation 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of ARES Holding Corporation, ARES Corporation, ARES Technical Services Corporation, ARES Project Management LLC, and Worksite Inc. (collectively, the Company) who have attained 21 years of age. Effective September 30, 2021, ARES Project Management LLC was sold by the Company. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Board of Directors oversees governance of the Plan, determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitors investment performance.

SECURE and CARES Acts

The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE Act) became law on December 20, 2019. The SECURE Act contains both mandatory and optional features. The Plan is being administered to comply with the SECURE Act's mandatory provisions relating to required minimum distributions. No optional features of the SECURE Act were adopted by the Plan. On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. The CARES Act provided a substantial stimulus and assistance package intended to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plan has implemented provisions of the CARES Act related to distributions, loan deferments, and required minimum distributions. Written amendments to the Plan to reflect these operational changes will be adopted at a later date in accordance with applicable law and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidance.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute to the Plan up to 80% of their pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Effective June 1, 2020, participants are also allowed to make Roth contributions, up to 80% of their annual compensation, and after-tax contributions, up to 70% of their annual compensation, to the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). The Company is required to make matching contributions equal to 50% of the first 6% of the compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. The Company may also authorize additional non-elective contributions to the Plan for the related year. There were no nonelective contributions authorized for the year ended December 31, 2020. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Participant Accounts

A separate account is maintained for each participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, rollover contributions, allocations of the Company's contributions, and Plan earnings or losses as defined by the Plan agreement. Allocations of the Company's nonelective contribution are given based on participants' compensation for the Plan year relating to the contribution for employees who have completed at least 1,000 hours of service and are employed on the last day of the Plan year. Plan earnings or losses are allocated daily based on each participant's account balance. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. 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 vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on continuous years of service. Participants vest 33% per year of service and are 100% vested after 3 years of service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow money within certain limits from their individual accounts. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account. Such notes bear interest at a reasonable rate commensurate with current interest rates charged for loans made under similar circumstances by persons in the business of lending money as determined by the plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. From March 27, 2020, through September 22, 2020, the Plan permitted participants to request a delay of note repayments that occurred between March 27, 2020, and December 31, 2020, in accordance with the CARES Act. If a delay was granted, the participant's note receivable was reamortized and any interest accrued during the period of the delay was included in the principal balance. The Plan did not adopt the optional CARES Act amendment to increase the loan limitation.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or annual installments over a future period. If the participant's account balance is between $1,000 and $5,000, the plan administrator makes an automatic rollover of the account balance to a qualified individual retirement account. If the participant's account balance is less than $1,000, the plan administrator directs the trustee to make a lump-sum distribution. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution. Distributions of a participant's 401(k) account balance may be authorized at any time by the plan administrator under certain hardship conditions. During 2020, the Plan also permitted participants to take penalty-free distributions of up to the lesser of $100,000 or 100% of their vested balances for qualifying coronavirus-related reasons, in accordance with the CARES Act. The ability to request coronavirus-related distributions under the CARES Act ceased as of December 31, 2020. Participants receiving such distributions may recontribute the funds to an eligible retirement plan within 3 years without regard to annual contribution limits.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited nonvested accounts are used to reduce administrative expenses or to reduce future employer contributions. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled approximately $58,000 and $46,000, respectively. During 2020, approximately $62,000 was used to reduce employer contributions.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

New Accounting Pronouncement

During 2020, the Plan adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2018-13, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure Framework - Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement*. The adoption of this ASU did not have an impact on the Plan due to the nature of the Plan's current investments.

Use of Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value by Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity), the trustee of the Plan (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract 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 Board of Directors determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, trustee, and insurance company. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (continued)

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

Assets of the Plan are held in separate accounts of a trust administered by Fidelity as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, representing investments in money market and mutual funds, self-directed brokerage accounts, common/collective trust funds, and a guaranteed investment contract.

Investment of participants' contributions and the Company's contributions into these investments are at the direction of each participant.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2020 and 2019. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Plan Expenses

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Company as provided by the Plan agreement. 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 in fair value of investments.

Income Taxes

In accordance with GAAP, the plan administrator is required to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability for any significant uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and for the year ended December 31, 2020, the Plan did not have a liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

Subsequent Events

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through October 13, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE

In accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator has elected to restrict the scope of the auditor's examination with regard to statements or information prepared and certified by Fidelity, the trustee.

Fidelity has certified as to the completeness and accuracy of the investments it holds, changes in net assets arising from investment activity, and the schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and for the year ended December 31, 2020.

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 are described as follows:

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

Level 2 Other significant observable inputs including: 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; or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

Level 3 Inputs are significant and unobservable (including the Plan's own assumptions used to determine value)

The assets' 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 observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Money market and mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Money market and mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The money market and mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Self-directed brokerage accounts: Valued at the appraised values of the underlying individual assets within the brokerage accounts. The brokerage accounts primarily include mutual funds and individual equities which are traded on an active market.

Common/collective trust funds: Valued at the NAV of units of the common/collective trust fund. The NAV as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimated fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the trust less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the Plan will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily.

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

Assets measured at fair value by level, within the fair value hierarchy, are comprised of the following at December 31, 2020:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$69,651,138	$	$	$ 69,651,138
Money market fund	122,392			122,392
Self-directed brokerage accounts	11,410,618			11,410,618
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	81,184,148			81,184,148
Investments measured at NAV				2,003,828
Investments at fair value	$81,184,148	$	$	$ 83,187,976

Assets measured at fair value by level, within the fair value hierarchy, are comprised of the following at December 31, 2019:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$65,749,366	$	$	$ 65,749,366
Money market fund	146,209			146,209
Self-directed brokerage accounts	9,358,195			9,358,195
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	75,253,770			75,253,770
Investments measured at NAV				1,852,570
Investments at fair value	$75,253,770	$	$	$ 77,106,340

The Plan did not hold any Level 3 assets during the year.

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5. GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY

The Plan has entered into a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Standard Insurance Company. Standard Insurance Company maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

The guaranteed investment contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Standard Insurance Company, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The crediting interest rate is based on a formula established by the issuer, but may not be less than 1%. Such interest rates are reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with the fully benefit-responsive investment contract is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The plan administrator does not believe that any events that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with Plan participants or the issuer are probable of occurring.

The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

6. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by Fidelity and Pensionmark. Fidelity is the trustee as defined by the Plan and Pensionmark is the investment advisor of the Plan and, therefore, such transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Fidelity provides certain administrative services to the Plan pursuant to a Master Plan Services Agreement (MSA) between the Company and Fidelity. Fidelity receives revenue from mutual fund and collective trust fund service providers for services Fidelity provides to the funds. This revenue is used to offset certain amounts owed to Fidelity for its administrative services to the Plan.

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6. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

If the revenue received by Fidelity from such mutual fund or collective trust fund service providers exceeds the amount owed under the MSA, Fidelity remits the excess to the Plan's trust on a quarterly basis. Such amounts may be applied to pay Plan administrative expenses or allocated to the accounts of the participants. During 2020, there were no excess amounts. The Plan or the Company may make a payment to Fidelity for administrative expenses not covered by revenue sharing.

7. PLAN TERMINATION

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

8. TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a volume submitter plan provided by Fidelity. Fidelity has received an opinion letter dated March 31, 2014, from the IRS stating that the volume submitter plan is acceptable under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) for use by employers for the benefit of their employees. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

9. 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, as well as heightened market risk and volatility associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

10. OPERATIONAL ERRORS

The Company is in the process of self-correcting certain operational errors. These errors do not have a material impact on the Plan's net assets available for benefits, and the Company does not expect those errors to affect the Plan's tax status.

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Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan			Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments Are Included	Total That Constitutes Non-Exempt Prohibited Transactions			
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a	b-Identity of Issue	c-Description of Investment	d-Cost	e-Current Value
*	Pensionmark Smart Lifecycle 2020 Fund	Common/Collective Trust Fund	**	$ 54,508
*	Pensionmark Smart Lifecycle 2025 Fund	Common/Collective Trust Fund	**	1,265,934
*	Pensionmark Smart Lifecycle 2030 Fund	Common/Collective Trust Fund	**	2,246
*	Pensionmark Smart Lifecycle 2035 Fund	Common/Collective Trust Fund	**	628,719
*	Pensionmark Smart Lifecycle 2040 Fund	Common/Collective Trust Fund	**	293
*	Pensionmark Smart Lifecycle 2045 Fund	Common/Collective Trust Fund	**	28,404
*	Pensionmark Smart Lifecycle 2050 Fund	Common/Collective Trust Fund	**	23,724
	Baird Core Plus Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,196,705
	BlackRock High Yield Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	599,324
	Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Fund	Mutual Fund	**	121,400
	ClearBridge Small Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,324,345
	DFA Inflation-Protected Securities Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,031,035
*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	6,904,773
*	Fidelity Advisor Emerging Markets Fund	Mutual Fund	**	257,083
*	Fidelity Contra Fund	Mutual Fund	**	13,746,117
*	Fidelity Emerging Markets Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	341,996
*	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,305,122
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2005 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	6,949
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2015 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	925,753
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,694,288
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	4,653,580
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	3,293,910
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	6,016,996
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	3,076,225
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,354,692
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,252,989
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	839,012
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2060 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	117,434
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2065 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	22,111

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*	Fidelity Freedom Index Income Fund	Mutual Fund	**	971,884
*	Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	23,868
*	Fidelity International Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	230,162
*	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	542,602
*	Fidelity Small Cap Value	Mutual Fund	**	2,533,544
*	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	893,801
	Invesco Diversified Dividend Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,219,005
	Invesco International Small-Mid Company Fund	Mutual Fund	**	468,113
	Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund	Mutual Fund	**	5,727,973
	MFS International Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	**	389,034
	PIMCO StocksPLUS International Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,659,139
	Pioneer Strategic Income Fund	Mutual Fund	**	46,821
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Value Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,863,353
*	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	Money Market Fund	**	122,392
*	Fidelity BrokerageLink Self-directed Brokerage Accounts	Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	**	11,410,618
	Standard Insurance Company Stable Asset Fund	Guaranteed Investment Contract	**	3,443,425
*	Participant loans	Terms: 1 - 10 years Interest Rates: 3.25% - 5.50%	$0	684,469
				$ 87,315,870

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