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 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

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

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

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

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

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ ☐

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP 401(K) AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1987

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)
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP

433 MAIN STREET
GREEN BAY, WI 54301-5114

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1098068

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 920-405-2882

2d Business code (see instructions) 551111

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.	07/22/2022	TAMMY STADLER
	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**	6742
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)**	4080
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	4052
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	332
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	1877
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	6261
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	29
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	6290
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	6178
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2O 2S 2T 3F 3H

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

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

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- (1) [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] 4 **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 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 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)

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Insurance Information

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ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-1098068

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
GENERAL AMERICAN LIFE

(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
43-0285930	63665	10732	1	01/01/2021	12/31/2021

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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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 ▶ NONE

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	0
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	0
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.	**6d**	0

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) [X] individual policies (2) [ ] group deferred annuity

(3) [ ] other (specify) ▶

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

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

a Type of contract: (1) [ ] deposit administration (2) [ ] immediate participation guarantee

(3) [ ] guaranteed investment (4) [ ] other ▶

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

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance

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m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

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

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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PENN MUTUAL LIFE

(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
23-0952300	67644	8108	1	01/01/2021	12/31/2021

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
0	

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

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0			3

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6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶ INSURANCE COMPANY RATE BOOKS

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	0
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	0
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.	**6d**	0

Specify nature of costs ▶

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	▶				
	(6) Total additions			**7c(6)**	
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e	Deductions:				
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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

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		PL/PK688	0	01/01/2021	12/31/2021

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c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	0
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.	**6d**	0

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) [X] individual policies (2) [ ] group deferred annuity

(3) [ ] other (specify) ▶

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

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

a Type of contract: (1) [ ] deposit administration (2) [ ] immediate participation guarantee

(3) [ ] guaranteed investment (4) [ ] other ▶

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

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance

e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** ☐ Long-term disability **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment **h** ☐ Prescription drug

i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible) **j** ☐ HMO contract **k** ☐ PPO contract **l** ☐ Indemnity contract

m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**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 A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

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2021

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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP 401(K) AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-1098068

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
GREAT WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INS 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
84-0467907	68322	942284-01	0	01/01/2021	12/31/2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

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

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.	6d	

Specify nature of costs ▶

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 ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b	Balance at the end of the previous year		7b	6885
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)		
	▶			
	(6) Total additions		7c(6)	
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)		7d	6885
e	Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)		
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	6885	
	▶ INVESTMENT ELECTION TRANSFER			
	(5) Total deductions		7e(5)	6885
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)		7f	0

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance

e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** ☐ Long-term disability **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment **h** ☐ Prescription drug

i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible) **j** ☐ HMO contract **k** ☐ PPO contract **l** ☐ Indemnity contract

m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**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.**	**2021** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP 401(K) AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP	39-1098068

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

ASSOCIATED TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

30-0219031

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
21 15 13 37 50 38 28 19 24 51	TRUSTEE	829300	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] 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 [ ]

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
ASSOCIATED TRUST COMPANY, N.A.	28 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.
DODGE & COX FUND 555 CALIFORNIA ST, 40TH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	10 BASIS POINTS

(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:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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

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2021

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A Name of plan
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP 401(K) AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-1098068

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: ASSOCIATED SHORT TERM BOND FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): ASSOCIATED TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
39-6204063-001	C	8343259

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ASSOCIATED BALANCED LIFESTAGE FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): ASSOCIATED TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
39-6771933-001	C	45058786

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ASSOCIATED CORE BOND FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): ASSOCIATED TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
90-0186734-001	C	20636985

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ASSOC CONSERV BALANCED LIFESTAGE FD

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): ASSOCIATED TRUST COMAPANY, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
39-6771932-001	C	6539264

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): ASSOCIATED TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
39-6771936-001	C	54780868

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ASSOC. GROWTH BALANCED LIFESTAGE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): ASSOCIATED TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
39-6771934-001	C	24679629

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): ASSOCIATED TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
52-7241044-001	C	41040990

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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Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name	
b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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

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2021

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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP 401(K) AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-1098068

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	622965	609405
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	14696690	13014747
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	1222156	783016
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)	6846348	6254136
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	205998407	200887934
(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)	485674502	544347100
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	6868	
(15) Other	1c(15)	78260	16493

			(a) Beginning of Year	**(b)** End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	33698546	42613512
	(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	748844742	808526343
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h	170020	176343
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j	461132	980919
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	631152	1157262
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	748213590	807369081

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)	13015481	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	23195607	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	5161573	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		41372661
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)	378818	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		378818
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	1425055	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	6065405	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		7490460
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	5833344	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	5572273	
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		261071
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	10470694	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		10470694

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		15307472
(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)		82436637
c Other income	2c		2293
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		157720106
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	97697906	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		97697906
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		37409
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)	714586	
(4) Other	2i(4)	114714	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		829300
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		98564615
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		59155491
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) [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) [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [X] 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: CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP **(2)** EIN: 41-0746749

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	

			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		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 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).

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2021

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A Name of plan
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP 401(K) AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-1098068

Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 30-0219031

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 _____

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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 _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
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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 _____

ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP
401(k) & EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Financial Statements and Schedule

December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP
401(k) & EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Audit Committee and Plan Participants
Associated Banc-Corp 401(k) & Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Associated Banc-Corp 401(k) & Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

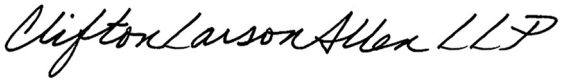
Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021 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 ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

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In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Cedar Rapids, Iowa
June 28, 2022

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401(k) & EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2021	2020
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value:		
Collective trust funds	$ 200,887,934	$ 205,998,407
Associated Banc-Corp Common Stock Fund	42,613,512	33,698,546
Mutual funds	544,347,100	485,674,502
Cash surrender value of life insurance	16,493	78,260
Total investments at fair value	787,865,039	725,449,715
Investments, at contract value:		
Group Annuity Contract	—	6,868
Total investments	787,865,039	725,456,583
Receivables:		
Accrued interest, dividends and capital gains distributions receivable	6,021	8,534
Due from broker for securities sold	776,995	1,213,622
Notes receivable from participants	6,254,136	6,846,348
Employer contribution receivable	13,014,747	14,696,690
Total receivables	20,051,899	22,765,194
Cash	609,405	622,965
Total assets	808,526,343	748,844,742
Liabilities:		
Administrative expenses payable	176,343	170,020
Due to broker for securities purchased	980,919	461,132
Total liabilities	1,157,262	631,152
Net assets available for benefits	$ 807,369,081	$ 748,213,590

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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401(k) & EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2021	2020
Additions:		
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 108,478,167	$ 87,770,754
Interest and dividends	7,490,460	7,090,699
Total investment income	115,968,627	94,861,453
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	378,818	453,069
Contributions:		
Participant	23,195,607	27,250,001
Employer	13,015,481	14,696,690
Rollover and other receipts	5,161,573	3,019,683
Total contributions	41,372,661	44,966,374
Total additions	157,720,106	140,280,896
Deductions:		
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	97,735,315	105,675,488
Insurance premiums	—	2,208
Administrative expenses	829,300	787,769
Total deductions	98,564,615	106,465,465
Net increase in net assets available for plan benefits before transfers	59,155,491	33,815,431
Transfer from First Staunton 401(k) Plan	—	6,102,456
Net increase in net assets available for plan benefits after transfers	59,155,491	39,917,887
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	748,213,590	708,295,703
End of year	$ 807,369,081	$ 748,213,590

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

(1) Description of the Plan

The following brief description of the Associated Banc-Corp 401(k) & Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information. The Plan contains 401(k) provisions. Participants should refer to the summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Background

Associated Banc-Corp (the "Corporation") has established the Associated Banc-Corp 401(k) & Employee Stock Ownership Plan, a defined contribution plan. The 401(k) provisions of the Plan provide for employee contributions complying with the provisions of Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") Section 401(k) as well as discretionary employer matching contributions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

In February 2020, the Corporation completed its acquisition of First Staunton Bancshares, Incorporated ("First Staunton"). In connection with the acquisition, the First Staunton 401(k) Plan merged into the Plan on April 30, 2020.

Participants

Employees of the Corporation and its subsidiaries that have adopted the Plan are eligible to participate in the employer contribution provisions of the Plan if they were employed on the last day of the year (December 31) and they completed 1,000 hours of service during the calendar year (exceptions for death, disability, and retirement). Employees are eligible to participate in the employee 401(k) contribution portion of the Plan once they complete 1 hour of service annually.

In conjunction with the 401(k) provisions of the Plan, participants can elect to contribute an amount between 1% of their compensation and the limitations ($19,500 for 2021 and 2020) of Section 402(g) of the Code in increments of 1% to the Plan by means of regular payroll deductions. Participants may contribute pre-tax 401(k) contributions, Roth 401(k) contributions or a combination of both. New plan participants are automatically enrolled to contribute 5% of their annual compensation on a pre-tax basis. Participants can change this percentage at any time. Participants who have attained age 50 are eligible to make catch-up contributions in accordance with, and subject to the limitations ($6,500 for 2021 and 2020) of, Section 414(v) of the Code. Participants are also allowed to contribute amounts qualifying as rollover contributions under Section 402(c)(4) of the Code.

The Plan provides for a discretionary Corporation matching contribution. For 2021 and 2020, the discretionary match was equal to 100% of the first 5% deferred for plan participants who met the allocation conditions.

Vesting

Participants are 100% vested in both employee and Corporation matching contributions to the Plan.

Investment of Plan Assets

At December 31, 2021, participants could direct their accounts to be invested in the Associated Banc-Corp Common Stock Fund, 7 collective trust funds and 26 mutual funds offered by the Plan as investment options. Plan assets are held in trust with Associated Trust Company, N.A. (the "Trustee") a subsidiary of Associated Bank, N.A. ("the Bank"), which is a subsidiary of the Corporation. Participants can elect to invest in one of the aforementioned funds or in 1% increments in two or more funds. Upon enrollment, if a participant does not make an investment election, their account is automatically invested in the Vanguard Target Retirement Series based on the participant's age. Participants can change the allocation of the Plan accounts on a daily basis.

Notes Receivable From Participants

A participant may request a loan for any reason. Loans are limited to the lesser of (1) $50,000, reduced by the excess of the highest outstanding balance of loans from the Plan during the one-year period ending on the day before the date on which such loan was made over the outstanding balance of loans from the Plan on the date on which such loan was made or (2) 50% of the vested benefit of the participant's account balance. Participant loans will not be granted for less than $1,000.

A commercially reasonable fixed rate of interest will be assessed on the loan with the current rate set at the prime rate plus 2% offered by the Bank. Interest rates range from 4.00% to 7.50%. The loan will provide bi-weekly payments (if non-exempt) or semi-monthly payments (if exempt) under a level amortization schedule of not greater than 5 years unless the loan is used to acquire a principal residence in which case, the maximum term of the loan would be 15 years. The Plan may also hold grandfathered or inherited loans from merged plans with maturity dates extended beyond the 15 years allowed by the Plan document.

Participant Accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Plan investments are valued daily. Due to daily valuation, contributions are allocated to participant accounts upon receipt, and income and changes in asset values are immediately allocated to the participants' accounts. Under a daily valued plan, participants can verify account balances daily utilizing the customer contact center or Internet access.

Distributions

Distributions are made in the form of lump-sum payments, payments over a period in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments and other payment forms allowed by the Plan document. If employment has terminated and the participant attains age 70½ after 2019, the participant cannot delay a required minimum distribution past April 1 of the year following the year in which he or she attains age 72. If employment has terminated and the participant attains age 70½ before 2020, the participant cannot delay a required minimum distribution past April 1 of the year following the year in which he or she attains age 70½. Participants may withdraw amounts for any reason upon reaching age 59½. Earnings are credited to a participant's account through the date of distribution.

Distributions are made in cash or, if a participant has investments in Corporation common shares, the participant may elect to receive the distribution of that particular investment in the form of Corporation common shares plus cash for any fractional share.

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions.

Termination of Plan

While the Corporation has not expressed any intent to terminate the Plan, it is free to do so at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Plan in the preparation of the financial statements:

Basis of Presentation

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets, and any other parameters used in determining these estimates and assumptions could cause actual results to differ.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan, at the direction of the participant, invests in various investment securities. The Plan's investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the values of investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term could materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements of the Plan.

a) *Interest Rate*

Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the Plan's financial position. Interest rate changes directly impact the fair value of U.S. government obligations and have an indirect impact on the other investments held by the Plan.

b) Market

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of an investment will fluctuate as a result of changes in market price.

c) Credit

Credit risk is associated with the potential failure of a counterparty to fulfill its obligations based on the contractual terms of the agreements. The amount of credit risk will increase or decrease during the lives of the investments as interest rates or foreign exchange rates or credit spreads fluctuate.

Investments and Income Recognition

Investment securities are recorded at fair value. Fair value of mutual funds is based on quoted market prices. The investments in units of the collective trust funds and Common Stock Fund are carried at the net asset value (NAV), which is the value at which units in the funds can be withdrawn and approximates fair value as a practical expedient. See Note 5, Fair Value Measurements, for discussion of fair value measurements.

Fair values of cash surrender value of life insurance are provided by the underlying insurance providers at year-end and also upon individual policy surrender. As such, these holdings are valued at the year-end cash surrender values, which approximates fair value. Upon death of the participant, death benefits are paid directly to the beneficiary from the insurance provider and not by the Plan. Any cash surrender value upon termination of a life insurance policy is paid directly to the terminated participant or to the Plan for active participants.

Investments valued at contract value are group annuity contracts. At December 31, 2020, the Plan held a group annuity contract with Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company. This contract met the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore was 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 the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. During 2021, the group annuity contract with Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company was liquidated and the funds were deposited into the Plan.

Plan assets are held by the Trustee. Net appreciation of investments includes realized gains and losses on investments purchased and sold and changes in appreciation for the period. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses on the sale of investments are determined through the use of moving average basis. The Plan records interest income on the accrual basis and dividends on the ex-dividend date.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 or 2020. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Loan and distribution recordkeeping fees are paid by the respective participant. All other expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

(3) Transactions with Related Parties

The Associated Banc-Corp Common Stock Fund at December 31, 2021 and 2020 included 1,863,806 shares and 1,956,274 shares, respectively, of common stock of the Corporation with fair values of $42,103,377 and $33,354,472, respectively. Dividend income from Corporation stock totaled $1,425,055 and $1,411,306 in 2021 and 2020, respectively. Also included in the Associated Banc-Corp Common Stock Fund at December 31, 2021 and 2020 were units of Goldman Sachs Government Money Market Institutional Fund with fair values of $510,135 and $344,074, respectively. The Goldman Sachs Government Money Market Institutional Fund is an unrelated party.

Fees paid by the Plan for asset management, participant recordkeeping and other administrative services amounted to $829,300 and $787,769 and are included under administrative expenses on the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The Plan invests in various Associated Trust Company, N.A. collective trust funds. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, $200,887,934 and $205,998,407, respectively, were invested in Associated Trust Company, N.A. collective trust funds.

(4) Income Taxes

The Plan Administrator received a favorable tax determination letter, dated June 16, 2020, from the Internal Revenue Service indicating that the Plan qualifies under the provisions of Section 401(a) of the Code. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt. Therefore, a provision for income taxes has not been included in the Plan’s financial statements.

(5) Fair Value Measurements

Fair value represents the estimated price at which an orderly transaction to sell an asset or to transfer a liability would take place between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions (i.e., an exit price concept). Assets and liabilities are categorized into three levels based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy in which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Plan’s assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability. Below is a brief description of each fair value level.

Level 1 inputs – utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 inputs – inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs may include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, as well as inputs that are observable for the asset or liability (other than quoted prices), such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 inputs – unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on the Plan’s own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity.

Various inputs are used in determining the fair value of the Plan’s investments as of the reporting period end. The designated input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with this investment.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for Plan assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and there have been no transfers between fair value levels.

Collective trust funds and Common Stock Fund: Valued at the NAV of units of the fund. The NAV, as provided by the Trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the fund, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's fair value measurements at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively:

Investments at December 31, 2021	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments measured in fair value hierarchy				
Mutual funds	$ 544,347,100	$ 544,347,100	$ —	$ —
Cash surrender value of life insurance	16,493	—	—	16,493
Total investments measured in fair value hierarchy	$ 544,363,593	$ 544,347,100	$ —	$ 16,493
Total investments measured at NAV [1]	$ 243,501,446			
Total investments at fair value	$ 787,865,039			

Investments at December 31, 2020	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments measured in fair value hierarchy				
Mutual funds	$ 485,674,502	$ 485,674,502	$ —	$ —
Cash surrender value of life insurance	78,260	—	—	78,260
Total investments measured in fair value hierarchy	$ 485,752,762	$ 485,674,502	$ —	$ 78,260
Total investments measured at NAV [1]	$ 239,696,953			
Total investments at fair value	$ 725,449,715			

[1] Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31:

	Fair Value		Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
	2021	2020			
Collective trust funds	$ 200,887,934	$ 205,998,407	N/A	daily	one day
Associated Banc-Corp Common Stock Fund[(1)]	$ 42,613,512	$ 33,698,546	N/A	daily	one day

(1) This fund is designed to share in the performance of Associated Banc-Corp. The share price and return will vary according to factors affecting the Associated Banc-Corp common stock.

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 investments for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively:

	Cash surrender value of life insurance	
	2021	2020
Beginning balance	$ 78,260	$ 73,720
Unrealized gains	1,321	5,594
Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements, net	(63,088)	(1,054)
Ending balance	$ 16,493	$ 78,260
The amount of total gains (losses) for the period attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date.	$ (1,005)	$ 5,594

(6) COVID-19 Impact

On March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") was enacted to provide economic stimulus to impacted areas of the country. The CARES Act included relief provisions available to eligible retirement plans and their participants. The relief provisions are available for utilization immediately, but adoption is required no later than the last day of the plan year beginning on or after January 1, 2022. The Corporation has approved the immediate inclusion of the following relief provisions in the Plan and will amend the Plan by the required adoption date. Eligible participants may receive a coronavirus-related distribution with no early distribution penalty and defer any loan payments for up to one year. The CARES Act also increases the maximum amount available for plan loans to eligible participants to the lesser of $100,000 or 100% of the eligible participant's account. In addition, all required minimum distributions for 2020 have been waived.

(7) Legal Proceedings

A lawsuit, Evans et al v. Associated Banc-Corp et al, was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin - Green Bay Division on January 13, 2021 by one current and one former participant in the Associated Banc-Corp 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") as representatives of a putative class. The plaintiffs alleged that Associated Banc-Corp, the Associated Banc-Corp Plan Administrative Committee, and current and past members of such committee during the relevant time period (the "Defendants") breached their fiduciary duties with respect to the Plan in violation of Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, by applying an imprudent and inappropriate preference for products associated with Associated Banc-Corp within the Plan, and that the Defendants failed to monitor or control the record keeping expenses paid to Associated Trust Company, N.A. On March 18, 2021, the Defendants filed a motion to dismiss. On April 8, 2021, the plaintiffs filed an amended complaint which dropped the record keeping claim, added Associated Trust Company N.A. and Kellogg Asset Management, LLC as defendants, and alleged various breaches of fiduciary duty related to the selection and monitoring of, and the fees charged by, proprietary collective investment trusts. The plaintiffs, in part, seek an accounting and disgorgement of certain profits, as well as certain equitable restitution and equitable monetary relief. The Corporation intends to vigorously defend against this lawsuit. It is not possible for management to assess the probability of a material adverse outcome or reasonably estimate the amount of any potential loss at this time with respect to this lawsuit.

(8) Subsequent Events

The Plan Administrator has evaluated the effects on the Plan financial statements of subsequent events that have occurred subsequent to December 31, 2021 through June 28, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. During this period, there have been no material events that would require recognition in the financial statements or disclosures to the financial statements.

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Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	December 31, 2021 (e) Current Value	
Collective Trust Funds:		
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Balanced Lifestage Fund	$	45,034,679
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Conservative Balanced Lifestage Fund		6,539,145
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Core Bond Fund		20,559,599
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Growth Balanced Lifestage Fund		24,692,171
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Growth Lifestage Fund		54,784,046
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Money Market Fund		40,935,473
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Short Term Bond Fund		8,342,822
Total collective trust funds	$	200,887,934
* Associated Banc-Corp Common Stock Fund	$	42,613,512
Mutual Funds:		
American Funds Europacific Growth Fund R6	$	23,105,587
American Funds Growth Fund of America R6		73,701,440
American Funds New World Fund R6		13,763,274
Baird MidCap Fund Institutional		45,685,804
Dodge & Cox Stock Fund		63,801,650
Harbor Small Cap Growth - RET		30,943,215
Janus Henderson Small Cap Value Fund N		20,527,834
Templeton Global Bond Fund R6		2,461,949
Vanguard Extended Market Index Institutional C		7,967,306
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund		86,045,331
Vanguard International Value Fund		7,307,320
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund Institutional		3,989,927
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund Institutional		14,192,461
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund Institutional		18,913,856
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund Institutional		20,985,612
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund Institutional		18,669,270
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund Institutional		17,164,984
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund Institutional		15,991,418
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund Institutional		12,972,109
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund Institutional		9,944,435
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund Institutional		6,065,492
Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund Institutional		906,466
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund Institutional		2,695,273
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index ADM		3,743,761
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund ADM		4,395,684
Virtus Ceredex Mid-Cap Value Equity Fund R6		18,405,643
Total mutual funds	$	544,347,100

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Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Continued)

(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	December 31, 2021 (e) Current Value	
Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance:		
General American Life Ins. Co.	$	15,829
Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.		664
Total cash surrender value of life insurance	$	16,493
Total Investments per Statement of Net Assets	$	787,865,039
* Notes receivable from participants (with interest rates ranging from 4.00% to 7.50%)		6,254,136
Total Investments per 5500	$	794,119,175

* Denotes a party-in-interest

Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

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Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	December 31, 2021 (e) Current Value	
Collective Trust Funds:		
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Balanced Lifestage Fund	$	45,034,679
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Conservative Balanced Lifestage Fund		6,539,145
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Core Bond Fund		20,559,599
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Growth Balanced Lifestage Fund		24,692,171
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Growth Lifestage Fund		54,784,046
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Money Market Fund		40,935,473
* Associated Trust Company, N.A. Short Term Bond Fund		8,342,822
Total collective trust funds	$	200,887,934
* Associated Banc-Corp Common Stock Fund	$	42,613,512
Mutual Funds:		
American Funds Europacific Growth Fund R6	$	23,105,587
American Funds Growth Fund of America R6		73,701,440
American Funds New World Fund R6		13,763,274
Baird MidCap Fund Institutional		45,685,804
Dodge & Cox Stock Fund		63,801,650
Harbor Small Cap Growth - RET		30,943,215
Janus Henderson Small Cap Value Fund N		20,527,834
Templeton Global Bond Fund R6		2,461,949
Vanguard Extended Market Index Institutional C		7,967,306
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund		86,045,331
Vanguard International Value Fund		7,307,320
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund Institutional		3,989,927
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund Institutional		14,192,461
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund Institutional		18,913,856
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund Institutional		20,985,612
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund Institutional		18,669,270
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund Institutional		17,164,984
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund Institutional		15,991,418
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund Institutional		12,972,109
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund Institutional		9,944,435
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund Institutional		6,065,492
Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund Institutional		906,466
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund Institutional		2,695,273
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index ADM		3,743,761
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund ADM		4,395,684
Virtus Ceredex Mid-Cap Value Equity Fund R6		18,405,643
Total mutual funds	$	544,347,100

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Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance:		
General American Life Ins. Co.	$	15,829
Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.		664
Total cash surrender value of life insurance	$	16,493
Total Investments per Statement of Net Assets	$	787,865,039
* Notes receivable from participants (with interest rates ranging from 4.00% to 7.50%)		6,254,136
Total Investments per 5500	$	794,119,175

* Denotes a party-in-interest

Numbers may not sum due to rounding.