Form 5500	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2021** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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

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

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

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

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
AJINOMOTO HEALTH & NUTRITION NORTH AMERICA, INC. 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1988

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)
AJINOMOTO HEALTH & NUTRITION NORTH AMERICA INC.,

4020 AJINOMOTO DRIVE
RALEIGH, NC 27610

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-2979265

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 201-292-3200

2d Business code (see instructions) 424990

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.	08/30/2022	TOBIE HASKINS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/30/2022	SAXTON JESSIE
	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

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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**	823
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)**	631
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	616
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	1
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	182
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	799
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	799
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	799
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	17
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

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

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

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

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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)	Insurance 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.** ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	**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) ▶
AJINOMOTO HEALTH & NUTRITION NORTH AMERICA, INC. 401(K) PLAN	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
AJINOMOTO HEALTH & NUTRITION NORTH AMERICA INC.,	47-2979265

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

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(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
22-1211670	68241	107249	799	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	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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	15129609
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	10707404

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 ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year		7b	14102243
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	1009446	
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	219702	
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	5694	
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	2285876	
	▶ FORFEITURE CREDITS,TRANSFERS IN LOAN REPAYMENTS MISC. IN			
	(6)Total additions		7c(6)	3520718
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**).		7d	17622961
e	Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	1889397	
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	1239	
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	44178	
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	558538	
	▶ FORF. DR.,TRANSFERS OUT LOAN INITIATIONS MISC. OUT			
	(5) Total deductions		7e(5)	2493352
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)		7f	15129609

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	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).	2021
Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		

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

A Name of plan
AJINOMOTO HEALTH & NUTRITION NORTH AMERICA, INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
AJINOMOTO HEALTH & NUTRITION NORTH AMERICA INC.,

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-2979265

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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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?
13 15 37 50 64	NONE	105955	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

LOCKTON INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC

20-8874282

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	NONE	55000	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

LUTZ & COMPANY, PC

47-0625816

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	NONE	15750	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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

HOUSTON BENEFIT CONSULTING, LLC

81-5060495

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	NONE	5750	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
PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AME	15 60 64	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.
PRUDENTIAL INVESTMENTS, LLC 22-3468527	22.000 BPS AND $0.00 PER PARTICIPANT INVESTED IN THE FUND FROM 1/1/2021 TO 12/31/2021 PGIM JENN MID-CAP GRWTH Z

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AME	15 60 64	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.
PRUDENTIAL INVESTMENTS, LLC 22-3468527	27.000 BPS AND $0.00 PER PARTICIPANT INVESTED IN THE FUND FROM 1/1/2021 TO 12/31/2021 PGIM JENN NTRL RSRCS Z

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AME	15 60 64	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.
PRUDENTIAL INVESTMENTS, LLC 22-3468527	22.000 BPS AND $0.00 PER PARTICIPANT INVESTED IN THE FUND FROM 1/1/2021 TO 12/31/2021 PGIM TOTAL RETURN BD Z

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:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)	DFE/Participating Plan Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	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

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D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-2979265

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: PRU TOTAL RETURN BONDSA

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRUDENTIAL RETIREMENT INS.

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)
06-1050034-814	P	6893190

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRU DAY ONE IFX TRGT BAL

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRUDENTIAL RETIREMENT INS.

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)
06-1050034-697	P	3814214

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a Plan name

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

a Plan name

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

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a Plan name

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

a Plan name

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

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)	Financial 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), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **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
AJINOMOTO HEALTH & NUTRITION NORTH AMERICA, INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
AJINOMOTO HEALTH & NUTRITION NORTH AMERICA INC.,

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-2979265

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1483855	1462268
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	3482028	10707404
(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)	79762865	85691701
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	14102243	15129609
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	98830991	112990982
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	98830991	112990982

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)	3342941	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	4927597	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	649418	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		8919956
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)	73735	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	219702	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		293437
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1220596	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		1220596
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		418214
(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)		11313513
c Other income	2c		23940
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		22189656
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	7809723	
(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)		7809723
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		36706
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	183236	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		183236
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		8029665
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		14159991
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) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: LUTZ & COMPANY PC **(2)** EIN: 47-0625816

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		1000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	4n			

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)	Retirement Plan 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 sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**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
AJINOMOTO HEALTH & NUTRITION NORTH AMERICA, INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
AJINOMOTO HEALTH & NUTRITION NORTH AMERICA INC.,

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-2979265

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): 22-1211670 _____

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):

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

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

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

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

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

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

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

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

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

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

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of 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_____

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report

December 31, 2021 and 2020

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

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Note: Schedules required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 that have not been included herein are not applicable.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Plan Administrator
Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan
Itasca, Illinois

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements
We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2021 financial statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institutions).

Management has obtained a certification from qualified institutions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements
In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements
We conducted our audit 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 2021 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 audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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 August 26, 2022.

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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements
Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, 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.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of U.S. GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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.

Other Matters

2021 Supplementary Information Required by ERISA

The supplementary information as of and for the year ended 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 DOL'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 included in the supplementary information, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit 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. For information included in the supplementary information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplementary information, we evaluated whether the supplementary information, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplementary information, other than the information in the supplementary information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplementary information related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Auditors' Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by qualified institutions. In our report dated September 30, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Lutz & Company, P.C.

August 26, 2022

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Investments at Fair Value	$ 96,399,105	$ 83,244,893
Investments at Contract Value	15,129,609	14,102,243
Total Investments	111,528,714	97,347,136
Notes Receivable from Participants	1,462,268	1,483,855
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	**$ 112,990,982**	**$ 98,830,991**

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Investment Income		
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	$ 11,755,667	$ 11,353,606
Interest and Dividends from Investments	1,440,298	2,809,502
Total Investment Income	13,195,965	14,163,108
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	73,735	79,063
Contributions		
Employer	3,342,941	3,112,373
Participant	4,927,597	4,423,511
Rollovers	649,418	769,264
Total Contributions	8,919,956	8,305,148
Total Additions	22,189,656	22,547,319
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Benefits Paid Directly to Participants	7,846,429	3,934,768
Administrative Expenses	183,236	199,741
Total Deductions	8,029,665	4,134,509
NET INCREASE	14,159,991	18,412,810
Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year	98,830,991	80,418,181
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR	**$ 112,990,982**	**$ 98,830,991**

See Notes to Financial Statements.

1. Plan Description

The following brief description of the Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan was established to provide retirement benefits for the employees of Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc., Ajinomoto Animal Nutrition North America Inc, and effective June 2022, Ajinomoto Fine-Techno USA Corporation. (collectively, the Company). Effective October 1, 2020, Ajinomoto Animal Nutrition North America Inc. was absorbed into Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc.

In January 2022, the Company completed the merger of the More Than Gourmet, Inc. 401(k) Plan. As a result, participants' accounts balances totaling approximately $2,200,000 were transferred to the Plan on January 3, 2022.

Employees are eligible to make voluntary salary deferral contributions, and receive discretionary matching and discretionary profit-sharing contributions after attaining age 18 and completing 90 days of service. Eligible employees become participants on the first day of the payroll following the date eligibility requirements are satisfied.

Contributions

Each year, participants may make salary reduction pre-tax contributions and Rother contributions up to the maximum dollar limits allowable by law. Effective August 1, 2021, the Plan was amended to allow participants to elect to make after tax contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants are automatically enrolled with an initial 6% salary deferral contribution. At any time, a participant can elect not to contribute or may increase or decrease his or her deferral rate to any rate allowed under Plan provisions. On May 1 of each year, the employee's deferral rate will be increased by one percentage point until it reaches a total of 15% of their eligible compensation. At any time, a participant can elect not to contribute. All participants who are eligible to make deferral contributions and who are projected to attain age 50 before the close of the calendar year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

For the Plan years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company elected to make a discretionary matching contribution to the Plan equal to 100% of the first 1% of contributions made by each participant, and 50% of contributions greater than 1% up to 6% of each participant's contribution with a maximum of 3.5% of the participant's eligible compensation.

For the Plan years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company elected to make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution of 3.5% of each participant's eligible compensation, excluding employees of Cambrooke Therapeutics Inc.

For the Plan years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company elected to make a lump sum profit sharing contribution to the employees of Cambrooke Therapeutics Inc. of approximately $159,000 and $151,000, respectively.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's discretionary matching and discretionary profit-sharing and an allocation of Plan earnings and is charged with withdrawals and an allocation of Plan losses. Discretionary matching contributions are allocated among participants based upon each eligible participant's elected salary deferral. Discretionary profit-sharing contributions are allocated based upon compensation of eligible participants. Plan earnings or losses are allocated on the basis of actual results of the investments selected by each participant. Investments are maintained in individual member accounts managed by Prudential Insurance Company of America and Prudential Trust Company (Prudential).

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary matching and profit-sharing contributions are based on years of service. Discretionary matching contributions are 100% vested after two years of service. Discretionary profit-sharing contributions are 100% vested after three years of service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance, reduced by the excess of the participant's highest outstanding participant loan balance during the 12-month period ending on the date of the loan over the participant's current outstanding participant loan balance on the date of the loan. Note repayment terms cannot exceed five years, unless the loan qualifies as a home loan. A home loan is permitted when a loan is used to acquire a principal residence and may not have repayment terms exceed ten years. Prior to April 24, 2018, primary residence loans were granted up to fifteen years and are grandfathered. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. Notes receivable from participants outstanding as December 31, 2021 and 2020 mature through 2033 with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 6.50%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon retirement, termination, disability, or death or attainment of age 59.5 (for certain in-service distributions), the participant or beneficiary may elect to receive either a partial or lump sum amount equal to the value of the vested funds allocated to the participant's account. The Plan requires that distribution payments between $1,000 and $5,000 be directly rolled over to an individual retirement account designated by the plan administrator in the event the participant does not elect otherwise. Distributions under $1,000 will be paid out to the participant in the event the participant does not elect a payout option. Participants may also receive in-service and hardship distributions, as permitted in the Plan document. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Forfeitures

Upon a participant's termination of employment before normal retirement, disability or death, the portion of the Company's discretionary contributions not then vested shall be forfeited. Forfeitures may be applied to reduce Company contributions or pay administrative expenses. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled $315,032 and $140,507, respectively. During 2021 and 2020, the Company utilized forfeitures of $127,385 and $132,869, respectively, to reduce Company contributions.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements is set forth below.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Presentation of Participant-Directed Funds

The Plan's presentation of participant-directed investments is in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 962, *Plan Accounting – Defined Contribution Pension Plans.*

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Plan utilizes various investments. Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and, that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The contributions to the Plan are currently governed by a trust agreement with Prudential.

Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and custodians. See Note 4 for further discussion of fair value measurements.

Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Company invests in investment contracts through a guaranteed income fund.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

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

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Other

Certain expenses of the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and qualified domestic relations orders are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in Plan expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments. Recordkeeping and other Plan expenses are paid by the Plan and are included in administrative expenses. Audit, legal, investment management and consulting fees are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the statement of net assets available for benefits date, but before the financial statements are available to be issued and may require potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Management has considered such events or transactions through August 26, 2022. See Note 1 ("General" section) for descriptions of subsequent events.

3. Information Certified by Prudential

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the following information certified by Prudential, except for comparing such information certified by the custodians to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplementary information.

The following table presents the value of participant-directed Plan assets that were certified by Prudential as of December 31:

	2021	2020
Investments at Fair Value	$ 96,399,105	$ 83,244,893
Investments at Contract Value	15,129,609	14,102,243
	$ 111,528,714	$ 97,347,136
Notes Receivable from Participants	$ 1,462,268	$ 1,483,855

Prudential has certified the completeness and accuracy of the following related to the investments for the years ended December 31:

	2021	2020
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	$ 11,755,667	$ 11,353,606
Interest and Dividends from Investments	1,440,298	2,809,502
Net Investment Income	$ 13,195,965	$ 14,163,108
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	$ 73,735	$ 79,063

4. Fair Value Measurements

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

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

Pooled Separate Accounts: Pooled separate accounts (PSA's) invest mainly in stocks, fixed income securities, and single mutual funds. The majority of the underlying securities have observable level 1 quoted pricing inputs. The NAV of the pooled separate account is not publicly quoted but is available to current investors via the Employer website or when Plan participants access their account values. The NAV is the basis for current transactions and the PSA's can be redeemed at NAV as of the measurement date. Therefore, the Company believes that these investments have a "Readily Determinable Fair Value". The Company believes its PSA's should be level 1 assets to allow for consistent disclosure.

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

The following table presents by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2021:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	$ 85,691,701	$ -	$ -	$ 85,691,701
Pooled Separate Accounts	10,707,404	-	-	10,707,404
Total Investments at Fair Value	$ 96,399,105	$ -	$ -	$ 96,399,105

The following table presents by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2020:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	$ 79,762,865	$ -	$ -	$ 79,762,865
Pooled Separate Accounts	3,482,028	-	-	3,482,028
Total Investments at Fair Value	$ 83,244,893	$ -	$ -	$ 83,244,893

5. Investment Contracts

The Plan has fully benefit-responsive investment contracts with Prudential in 2021 and 2020. Prudential maintains the contributions in pooled separate accounts and a guaranteed income fund. The accounts are credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed income fund issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and specific interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

The pooled separate accounts, as reported to the Plan by Prudential, are included in the financial statements at fair value, which represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

The guaranteed income fund is valued at the amount Plan participants would receive currently if they were to withdraw or transfer the contracts within the Plan prior to their maturity for an event other than death, disability, termination or retirement.

As the guaranteed income fund is fully benefit responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed income fund. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Prudential, represents contributions made under the contracts, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic developments. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

6. Tax Status

The Plan is qualified as a profit sharing plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2018.

7. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue their contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts. Distributions to participants of the account balances would be made as soon as practicable after the termination date.

8. Related Party Transactions

Certain Plan investments are mutual funds, pooled separate accounts, and a guaranteed income fund managed by Prudential. Prudential are the custodians of the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. There were fees of $183,236 and $199,741 paid to the custodians for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Schedule H – Item 4i

Year Ended December 31, 2021

Employer Identification Number 47-2979265
Plan Number 002

	Description of Investment	Cost	Current Value
PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA AND PRUDENTIAL TRUST COMPANY			
American Funds Growth Fund of America Fund	Mutual Fund	**	$ 15,888,489
* Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Guaranteed Income Fund	**	15,129,609
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	14,423,279
American Funds American Mutual R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	9,925,232
American Funds Europacific Growth R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	8,731,760
* Prudential Total Return Bond R6 Fund	Pooled Separate Account	**	6,893,190
Janus Henderson Enterprise N Fund	Mutual Fund	**	6,027,960
iShares MSCI EAFE International Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	5,655,659
American Century Mid Cap Value R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	5,476,310
Invesco Emerging Markets Fund	Mutual Fund	**	4,598,308
Lord Abbett Developing Growth R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	4,230,666
* Prudential Day One Incomeflex Target Balance Fund	Pooled Separate Account	**	3,814,214
JP Morgan Undiscovered Managers Behavioral R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	3,338,915
T. Rowe Price Capital Appreciation Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,216,999
Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,950,280
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,170,420
MFS International New Discovery Fund	Mutual Fund	**	863,229
Eaton Vance Income Fund Boston R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	584,411
PIMCO Income Fund	Mutual Fund	**	403,737
American Fund Mortgage R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	206,047
* Notes Receivable from Participants	4.25% to 6.50%		1,462,268
Total Investment Assets			**$ 112,990,982**

*Indicates party-in-interest
**Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments.

Lutz

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Schedule H – Item 4i

Year Ended December 31, 2021

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MFS International New Discovery Fund	Mutual Fund	**	863,229
Eaton Vance Income Fund Boston R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	584,411
PIMCO Income Fund	Mutual Fund	**	403,737
American Fund Mortgage R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	206,047
* Notes Receivable from Participants	4.25% to 6.50%		1,462,268
Total Investment Assets			**$ 112,990,982**

*Indicates party-in-interest
**Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments.

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report

December 31, 2021 and 2020

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

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Note: Schedules required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 that have not been included herein are not applicable.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Plan Administrator
Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan
Itasca, Illinois

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements
We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2021 financial statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institutions).

Management has obtained a certification from qualified institutions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements
In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements
We conducted our audit 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 2021 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 audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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 August 26, 2022.

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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements
Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, 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.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of U.S. GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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.

Other Matters

2021 Supplementary Information Required by ERISA

The supplementary information as of and for the year ended 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 DOL'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 included in the supplementary information, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit 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. For information included in the supplementary information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplementary information, we evaluated whether the supplementary information, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplementary information, other than the information in the supplementary information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplementary information related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Auditors' Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by qualified institutions. In our report dated September 30, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Lutz & Company, P.C.

August 26, 2022

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Investments at Fair Value	$ 96,399,105	$ 83,244,893
Investments at Contract Value	15,129,609	14,102,243
Total Investments	111,528,714	97,347,136
Notes Receivable from Participants	1,462,268	1,483,855
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	**$ 112,990,982**	**$ 98,830,991**

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Investment Income		
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	$ 11,755,667	$ 11,353,606
Interest and Dividends from Investments	1,440,298	2,809,502
Total Investment Income	13,195,965	14,163,108
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	73,735	79,063
Contributions		
Employer	3,342,941	3,112,373
Participant	4,927,597	4,423,511
Rollovers	649,418	769,264
Total Contributions	8,919,956	8,305,148
Total Additions	22,189,656	22,547,319
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Benefits Paid Directly to Participants	7,846,429	3,934,768
Administrative Expenses	183,236	199,741
Total Deductions	8,029,665	4,134,509
NET INCREASE	14,159,991	18,412,810
Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year	98,830,991	80,418,181
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR	**$ 112,990,982**	**$ 98,830,991**

See Notes to Financial Statements.

1. Plan Description

The following brief description of the Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan was established to provide retirement benefits for the employees of Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc., Ajinomoto Animal Nutrition North America Inc, and effective June 2022, Ajinomoto Fine-Techno USA Corporation. (collectively, the Company). Effective October 1, 2020, Ajinomoto Animal Nutrition North America Inc. was absorbed into Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc.

In January 2022, the Company completed the merger of the More Than Gourmet, Inc. 401(k) Plan. As a result, participants' accounts balances totaling approximately $2,200,000 were transferred to the Plan on January 3, 2022.

Employees are eligible to make voluntary salary deferral contributions, and receive discretionary matching and discretionary profit-sharing contributions after attaining age 18 and completing 90 days of service. Eligible employees become participants on the first day of the payroll following the date eligibility requirements are satisfied.

Contributions

Each year, participants may make salary reduction pre-tax contributions and Rother contributions up to the maximum dollar limits allowable by law. Effective August 1, 2021, the Plan was amended to allow participants to elect to make after tax contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants are automatically enrolled with an initial 6% salary deferral contribution. At any time, a participant can elect not to contribute or may increase or decrease his or her deferral rate to any rate allowed under Plan provisions. On May 1 of each year, the employee's deferral rate will be increased by one percentage point until it reaches a total of 15% of their eligible compensation. At any time, a participant can elect not to contribute. All participants who are eligible to make deferral contributions and who are projected to attain age 50 before the close of the calendar year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

For the Plan years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company elected to make a discretionary matching contribution to the Plan equal to 100% of the first 1% of contributions made by each participant, and 50% of contributions greater than 1% up to 6% of each participant's contribution with a maximum of 3.5% of the participant's eligible compensation.

For the Plan years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company elected to make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution of 3.5% of each participant's eligible compensation, excluding employees of Cambrooke Therapeutics Inc.

For the Plan years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company elected to make a lump sum profit sharing contribution to the employees of Cambrooke Therapeutics Inc. of approximately $159,000 and $151,000, respectively.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's discretionary matching and discretionary profit-sharing and an allocation of Plan earnings and is charged with withdrawals and an allocation of Plan losses. Discretionary matching contributions are allocated among participants based upon each eligible participant's elected salary deferral. Discretionary profit-sharing contributions are allocated based upon compensation of eligible participants. Plan earnings or losses are allocated on the basis of actual results of the investments selected by each participant. Investments are maintained in individual member accounts managed by Prudential Insurance Company of America and Prudential Trust Company (Prudential).

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary matching and profit-sharing contributions are based on years of service. Discretionary matching contributions are 100% vested after two years of service. Discretionary profit-sharing contributions are 100% vested after three years of service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance, reduced by the excess of the participant's highest outstanding participant loan balance during the 12-month period ending on the date of the loan over the participant's current outstanding participant loan balance on the date of the loan. Note repayment terms cannot exceed five years, unless the loan qualifies as a home loan. A home loan is permitted when a loan is used to acquire a principal residence and may not have repayment terms exceed ten years. Prior to April 24, 2018, primary residence loans were granted up to fifteen years and are grandfathered. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. Notes receivable from participants outstanding as December 31, 2021 and 2020 mature through 2033 with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 6.50%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon retirement, termination, disability, or death or attainment of age 59.5 (for certain in-service distributions), the participant or beneficiary may elect to receive either a partial or lump sum amount equal to the value of the vested funds allocated to the participant's account. The Plan requires that distribution payments between $1,000 and $5,000 be directly rolled over to an individual retirement account designated by the plan administrator in the event the participant does not elect otherwise. Distributions under $1,000 will be paid out to the participant in the event the participant does not elect a payout option. Participants may also receive in-service and hardship distributions, as permitted in the Plan document. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Forfeitures

Upon a participant's termination of employment before normal retirement, disability or death, the portion of the Company's discretionary contributions not then vested shall be forfeited. Forfeitures may be applied to reduce Company contributions or pay administrative expenses. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled $315,032 and $140,507, respectively. During 2021 and 2020, the Company utilized forfeitures of $127,385 and $132,869, respectively, to reduce Company contributions.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements is set forth below.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Presentation of Participant-Directed Funds

The Plan's presentation of participant-directed investments is in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 962, *Plan Accounting – Defined Contribution Pension Plans.*

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Plan utilizes various investments. Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and, that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The contributions to the Plan are currently governed by a trust agreement with Prudential.

Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and custodians. See Note 4 for further discussion of fair value measurements.

Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Company invests in investment contracts through a guaranteed income fund.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

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

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Other

Certain expenses of the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and qualified domestic relations orders are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in Plan expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments. Recordkeeping and other Plan expenses are paid by the Plan and are included in administrative expenses. Audit, legal, investment management and consulting fees are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the statement of net assets available for benefits date, but before the financial statements are available to be issued and may require potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Management has considered such events or transactions through August 26, 2022. See Note 1 ("General" section) for descriptions of subsequent events.

3. Information Certified by Prudential

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the following information certified by Prudential, except for comparing such information certified by the custodians to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplementary information.

The following table presents the value of participant-directed Plan assets that were certified by Prudential as of December 31:

	2021	2020
Investments at Fair Value	$ 96,399,105	$ 83,244,893
Investments at Contract Value	15,129,609	14,102,243
	$ 111,528,714	$ 97,347,136
Notes Receivable from Participants	$ 1,462,268	$ 1,483,855

Prudential has certified the completeness and accuracy of the following related to the investments for the years ended December 31:

	2021	2020
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	$ 11,755,667	$ 11,353,606
Interest and Dividends from Investments	1,440,298	2,809,502
Net Investment Income	$ 13,195,965	$ 14,163,108
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	$ 73,735	$ 79,063

4. Fair Value Measurements

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

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

Pooled Separate Accounts: Pooled separate accounts (PSA's) invest mainly in stocks, fixed income securities, and single mutual funds. The majority of the underlying securities have observable level 1 quoted pricing inputs. The NAV of the pooled separate account is not publicly quoted but is available to current investors via the Employer website or when Plan participants access their account values. The NAV is the basis for current transactions and the PSA's can be redeemed at NAV as of the measurement date. Therefore, the Company believes that these investments have a "Readily Determinable Fair Value". The Company believes its PSA's should be level 1 assets to allow for consistent disclosure.

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

The following table presents by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2021:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	$ 85,691,701	$ -	$ -	$ 85,691,701
Pooled Separate Accounts	10,707,404	-	-	10,707,404
Total Investments at Fair Value	$ 96,399,105	$ -	$ -	$ 96,399,105

The following table presents by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2020:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	$ 79,762,865	$ -	$ -	$ 79,762,865
Pooled Separate Accounts	3,482,028	-	-	3,482,028
Total Investments at Fair Value	$ 83,244,893	$ -	$ -	$ 83,244,893

5. Investment Contracts

The Plan has fully benefit-responsive investment contracts with Prudential in 2021 and 2020. Prudential maintains the contributions in pooled separate accounts and a guaranteed income fund. The accounts are credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed income fund issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and specific interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

The pooled separate accounts, as reported to the Plan by Prudential, are included in the financial statements at fair value, which represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

The guaranteed income fund is valued at the amount Plan participants would receive currently if they were to withdraw or transfer the contracts within the Plan prior to their maturity for an event other than death, disability, termination or retirement.

As the guaranteed income fund is fully benefit responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed income fund. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Prudential, represents contributions made under the contracts, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic developments. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

6. Tax Status

The Plan is qualified as a profit sharing plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2018.

7. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue their contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts. Distributions to participants of the account balances would be made as soon as practicable after the termination date.

8. Related Party Transactions

Certain Plan investments are mutual funds, pooled separate accounts, and a guaranteed income fund managed by Prudential. Prudential are the custodians of the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. There were fees of $183,236 and $199,741 paid to the custodians for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America Inc. 401(k) Plan

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Schedule H – Item 4i

Year Ended December 31, 2021

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Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,170,420
MFS International New Discovery Fund	Mutual Fund	**	863,229
Eaton Vance Income Fund Boston R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	584,411
PIMCO Income Fund	Mutual Fund	**	403,737
American Fund Mortgage R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	206,047
* Notes Receivable from Participants	4.25% to 6.50%		1,462,268
Total Investment Assets			**$ 112,990,982**

*Indicates party-in-interest
**Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments.

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