

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ special extension (enter description) ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program
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 <u>STERLING RESTAURANTS, LLC 401K PLAN</u>
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
1c	Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2014</u>
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) <u>STERLING RESTAURANTS, LLC</u> <u>2915 PEACHTREE RD</u> <u>ATLANTA, GA 30305</u>
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-4622679</u>
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>678-618-0862</u>
2d	Business code (see instructions) <u>722513</u>

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.	09/19/2022	MYLES EMMERT
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ 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	606
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)	525
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	498
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	96
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	594
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	594
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	193
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	5
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D			
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) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ 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) ☒ 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) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ 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 C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		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 STERLING RESTAURANTS, LLC 401K PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STERLING RESTAURANTS, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-4622679	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
ALLIANZ GLOBAL INVESTORS DISTRIBUTO	1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
AMERICAN FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	
95-2769620	

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
BLACKROCK INVESTMENTS, INC.	
23-2784752	

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
DELAWARE INVESTMENTS	2005 MARKET STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

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

FEF DISTRIBUTORS, LLC

1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NY 10105

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

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON DISTRIBUTORS, I

100 FOUNTAIN PARKWAY
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716

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

J.P. MORGAN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

13-3200244

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

LEGG MASON INVESTOR SERVICES, LLC

100 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

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

LOOMIS SAYLES FUNDS

399 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

MFS FUND DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

04-2747644

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

T. ROWE PRICE

100 EAST PRATT STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

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

VANGUARD

455 DEVON PARK DRIVE
WAYNE, PA 19087

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)

ADP, INC.

13-3036745

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 50 15 64	RECORD KEEPER	24695	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH

13-5674085

(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?
52 15 17 50 64 70	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	5578	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	2	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

ADP BROKER-DEALER

22-3319984

(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?
49 99	RECORD KEEPER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
ALLIANZ GLOBAL INVESTORS DISTRIBUTO 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AMERICAN FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, INC. 95-2769620	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	
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ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BLACKROCK INVESTMENTS, INC. 23-2784752	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	

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ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
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DELAWARE INVESTMENTS 2005 MARKET STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	
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ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
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FEF DISTRIBUTORS, LLC 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	
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ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FRANKLIN TEMPLETON DISTRIBUTORS, I 100 FOUNTAIN PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	

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ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
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J.P. MORGAN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 13-3200244	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	
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LEGG MASON INVESTOR SERVICES, LLC 100 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE BALTIMORE, MD 21202	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	
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ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
LOOMIS SAYLES FUNDS 399 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MA 02116	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	

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ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
MFS FUND DISTRIBUTORS, INC. 04-2747644	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	
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ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
T. ROWE PRICE 100 EAST PRATT STREET BALTIMORE, MD 21202	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	
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ADP BROKER-DEALER	99	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VANGUARD 455 DEVON PARK DRIVE WAYNE, PA 19087	ANNUAL RATE 0.00260 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-A SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00325 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-C SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-I SHRS ANNUAL RATE 0.00275 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS-R SHRS	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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Explanation:

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d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan STERLING RESTAURANTS, LLC 401K PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STERLING RESTAURANTS, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-4622679	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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)	38616	81895
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	1055197	1430294
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities.....	1d(1)	
(2)	Employer real property.....	1d(2)	
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	1093813 1512189
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 through 1j)	1k	0 0
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	1093813 1512189

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.

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
Income			
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	56430
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	320828
	(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	161921
(2)	Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	539179
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)	1616
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)	1616
(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)	150473
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	150473
(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)		
(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)		5919
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		697187
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	241352	
(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)		241352
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		7021
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		164
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)	30274	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		30274
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		278811
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		418376
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

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

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ 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: BENNETT THRASHER LLP

(2) EIN: 58-1673613

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:

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.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
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?	X		110000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
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.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			
5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.			
5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)			
5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)	
5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.			

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STERLING RESTAURANTS, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-4622679

Part I	Distributions
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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): 57-1198022		
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.)
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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
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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
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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.
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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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

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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 _____

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Sterling Restaurants, LLC 401k Plan

Financial Statements

December 31, 2021 and 2020



Sterling Restaurants, LLC 401k Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Participants and Administrator of
Sterling Restaurants, LLC 401k Plan:

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Sterling Restaurants, LLC 401k 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 related notes to the 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section –

- the amounts and disclosures in the 2021 financial statements, referred to above, 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.
- the information in the 2021 financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets 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 Auditor's 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. 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 over the twelve months from the report date.

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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

2021 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of the Plan, as listed in the accompanying index, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 supplemental schedules, 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 supplemental schedules 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 supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are 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 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules 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 supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Auditor's Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of Sterling Restaurants, LLC 401k 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 a qualified institution. In our report dated October 8, 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.

Bennett Thrasher LLP

September 15, 2022

Sterling Restaurants, LLC 401k Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 1,430,294	\$ 1,055,197
Notes receivable from participants	81,895	38,616
Participant contributions receivable	13,497	9,196
Employer contributions receivable	<u>1,531</u>	<u>1,406</u>
Total assets	1,527,217	1,104,415
Liabilities:		
Excess contributions payable	<u>12,883</u>	<u>7,021</u>
Total liabilities	<u>12,883</u>	<u>7,021</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 1,514,334</u>	<u>\$ 1,097,394</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements and independent auditor's report.

Sterling Restaurants, LLC 401k Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Contributions:

Participant	\$ 312,246
Employer	56,555
Rollover	<u>161,921</u>
Total contributions	530,722

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	5,919
Interest and dividends	<u>150,473</u>
Total investment income	156,392

Interest from notes receivable from participants	<u>1,616</u>
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Total additions	<u>688,730</u>
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	241,516
Administrative expenses	<u>30,274</u>
Total deductions	<u>271,790</u>

Net increase	416,940
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Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>1,097,394</u>
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Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,514,334</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements and independent auditor's report.

Sterling Restaurants, LLC 401k Plan

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 and 2020

Note 1: Description of Plan

The following description of the Sterling Restaurants, LLC 401k Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan, effective January 1, 2014, covering all employees of Sterling Restaurants, LLC (the Plan Sponsor or the Company). Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan once they attain at least eighteen years of age and have completed six months of service. Employees are permitted to enter the Plan on the first day of the month following the date the eligibility requirements are met. The Plan is subject to provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

The Plan includes a provision under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401(k) whereby participants may make pre-tax and Roth contributions to the Plan in any amount from 1% up to 90% of the participant's eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan Document, subject to limitations under the IRC. Additionally, participants who have attained at least age fifty before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions in accordance with and subject to limitations under the IRC. The Plan also accepts rollovers from other tax-qualified plans.

The Plan allows for the Company to make matching and discretionary non-elective contributions to the Plan. The Company makes matching contributions equal to 25% of the participant's elective contributions. The matching contributions are limited to \$1,000 per year and are subject to certain Internal Revenue Services (IRS) limitations. In addition, the Company may contribute a discretionary non-elective contribution to be allocated to all eligible participants based on the relationship of the participant's compensation to the total compensation for all participants. The Plan Sponsor did not make discretionary contributions for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Administration

The Company serves as the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator has the responsibility to administer the Plan for the exclusive benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries. These duties include, but are not limited to, establishing procedures, maintaining records, interpreting provisions of the Plan, and making determinations regarding questions which may affect eligibility for benefits. The Plan Administrator has engaged Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (ADP) Retirement Services, a third-party administrator, to assist in the administration of the Plan.

Reliance Trust Company (Reliance or the Trustee) serves as the custodian of the Plan. Reliance receives all contributions made under the Plan, holds plan assets, pays benefits to participants, and executes investment transactions as directed by the Plan Administrator (Notes 3 and 6).

Participant Accounts

Each participant account is credited with pre-tax, Roth, and rollover contributions made by the participant, the participant's portion of the Plan Sponsor's contributions, and plan earnings. The participant's account is also charged with withdrawals, applicable allocations of investment gains/losses, and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on the participant's plan contribution, account balance, or specific participant transactions, as defined in the Plan Document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, rollover balances, and any allocated earnings thereon. Participants' vesting in the Plan Sponsor's discretionary non-elective and matching contributions and income earned thereon is based on years of service with the Plan Sponsor, as defined in the Plan Document. A participant is 100% vested after one year of credited service for both discretionary non-elective and matching contributions.

Participants also become 100% vested upon termination of the Plan, upon reaching the normal retirement age of sixty-five, or upon disability or death while an employee of the Plan Sponsor.

Investment Options

Participants are required to make participant-directed allocations of their accounts in increments totaling 100% among various investment options, selected by the Plan Administrator.

Notes Receivable from Participants

In general, participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Each participant may have only one loan outstanding at any time. Notes receivable from participants are secured by participant account balances and bear a reasonable rate of interest as determined by the Plan Administrator based on the prevailing interest rates charged by persons in the business of lending money for loans which would be made under similar circumstances. Notes receivable are to be repaid through level payments over a period not to exceed five years unless such loan is for the purchase of a participant's primary residence. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, notes receivable from participants were \$81,895 and \$38,616, respectively. The loans bear interest at rates ranging from 5.25% to 6.25% with various maturity dates through January 2032.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are payable according to the vested interest in the account that the participant is entitled to upon normal retirement, termination of employment, disability, or death. Benefits are distributed to the participant as a lump sum, installment, or partial payment, as defined in the Plan Document.

Participants withdrawing from the Plan due to termination of employment, other than due to normal retirement, death, or disability, may receive the value of their vested account by transfer to another qualified plan or individual retirement account, through a lump sum distribution of a portion of the account balance or partial installments if the vested account balance is greater than \$5,000. The Plan may, upon termination of service of a participant for any reason, automatically distribute the benefits owed if the account balance is \$5,000 or less.

In general, a participant may withdraw up to 100% of their vested account balance, excluding certain Plan Sponsor contributions, in the event of a participant's financial hardship, as defined in the Plan Document. Hardship distributions may not exceed the amount of the participant's financial hardship and must be a minimum of \$500.

Distributions from the Plan will normally be subject to income taxes and, in certain circumstances, may also be subject to IRS penalties, unless the distribution is transferred to another qualified plan or individual retirement account.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts are used to pay plan expenses or reduce the Plan Sponsor's future contributions, as defined. For the year ended December 31, 2021, there was \$155 of forfeitures that were used to offset Plan Sponsor contributions of the Plan. Forfeitures available for future use as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 were nominal.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in the fair value of investments represents the change in fair value during the year, including realized and unrealized gains and losses.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan's assets are invested in various mutual funds. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, market risk, and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan Document.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid by the Plan.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses of the Plan are liabilities of the Plan but may be paid by the Company. These expenses include, but are not limited to, legal, accounting and recordkeeping fees, and investment expenses. For administrative expenses not paid by the Company, a proportionate share of fees and expenses paid by the Plan is charged to each participant's account.

Note 3: Information Certified by Trustee (Unaudited)

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance 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 the Trustee, except for comparing such information to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental information:

	2021	2020
Statements of net assets available for benefits:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 1,430,294	\$ 1,055,197
Statement of changes in net assets available for benefits:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 5,919	
Interest and dividends	150,473	

Note 4: Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements*, establishes a 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.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There has been no changes in the methodology used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual funds: Mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices.

The method described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or a reflection of future values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation method is 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 tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 1,430,294	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,430,294
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 1,430,294</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,430,294</u>

Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2020:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 1,055,197	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,055,197
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 1,055,197</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,197</u>

Note 5: Income Tax Status

The Plan Sponsor has entered into an adoption agreement under the *Prototype Non-standardized Profit Sharing Plan with CODA* (the prototype plan). The prototype plan received a favorable opinion letter from the IRS dated July 8, 2014, which stated that the prototype plan was designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC.

U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize the 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 IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021, 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 examinations for years prior to 2018.

Note 6: Party-in-Interest Transactions

Reliance is the Trustee as defined in the Plan, and other third-party providers include the third-party administrator and third-party advisor. Transactions with these providers qualify as party-in-interest transactions, which are included in administrative expenses. In addition, notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Such transactions, while considered party-in-interest transactions under ERISA regulations, are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are specifically exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

Note 7: Reconciliation to Form 5500

The financial information of the Plan, as reported on Form 5500, does not include all amounts necessary for reporting on the accrual basis of accounting. A reconciliation of the amounts appearing on the Form 5500 to the accompanying financial statements is as follows:

Net Assets Available for Benefits	2021	2020
Net assets, as reported on Form 5500	\$ 1,512,189	\$ 1,093,813
Adjustment to record participant contributions receivable	13,497	9,196
Adjustment to record employer contributions receivable	1,531	1,406
Adjustment to record excess contributions payable	<u>(12,883)</u>	<u>(7,021)</u>
Net assets, as reported in the accompanying financial statements	<u>\$ 1,514,334</u>	<u>\$ 1,097,394</u>
Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Increase in net assets, as reported on Form 5500	\$ 418,376	
Adjustment for change in participant contributions receivable	4,301	
Adjustment for change in employer contributions receivable	125	
Adjustment for change in excess contributions payable	<u>(5,862)</u>	
Increase in net assets, as reported in the accompanying financial statements	<u>\$ 416,940</u>	

Note 8: Excess Contributions Payable

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Plan was not in compliance with IRC Section 401(k)(3). As a result, excess contributions totaling \$12,883 and \$7,021 were payable to two participants and one participant at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Such amounts were included in excess contribution payable in the statements of net assets available for benefits and were deducted from participant contributions in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Note 9: Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination of the Plan, each participant's account as of the date of termination shall immediately become non-forfeitable and fully vested.

Note 10: Subsequent Events

The Plan Sponsor has evaluated for subsequent events between the statement of net assets available for benefits date of December 31, 2021 and the report date, the date these financial statements were available for issuance, and has concluded that all subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure have been incorporated into these financial statements.

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Supplemental Information

Sterling Restaurants, LLC 401k Plan

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

December 31, 2021

Plan #001 - Employer Identification #26-4622679

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investments (Number of shares)	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Mutual funds:				
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2035 Fund - Class R6	13,706	#	\$ 290,697
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2055 Fund - Class R6	7,767	#	216,081
	American Funds Fundamental Investors Fund - Class R6	1,849	#	140,432
	Vanguard Value Index Fund - Admiral Class	1,746	#	100,198
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2025 Fund - Class R6	4,776	#	88,641
	American Funds International Growth and Income Fund - Class R6	1,616	#	63,489
	Loomis Sayles Small Cap Growth Fund - Class N	1,562	#	50,756
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2045 Fund - Class R6	2,113	#	48,790
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2030 Fund - Class R6	2,353	#	47,980
	T Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund - Class I	265	#	47,178
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2040 Fund - Class R6	2,026	#	46,676
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2020 Fund - Class R6	2,490	#	42,877
	Franklin Small Cap Value Fund - Class R6	663	#	40,459
	BlackRock Mid-Cap Growth Equity Fund - Class K	721	#	34,670
	Delaware Emerging Markets Fund - Class R6	1,340	#	32,676
	MFS Mid Cap Value Fund - Class R6	758	#	24,589
	First Eagle Fund of America - Class I	730	#	20,316
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement Income Fund - Class R6	1,166	#	19,338
	PIMCO Real Return Fund - Institutional Class	1,397	#	17,208
	BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio - Class K	2,175	#	17,055
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2050 Fund - Class R6	710	#	16,538
	Western Asset Core Plus Bond Fund - Class IS	884	#	10,540
	BlackRock T-Fund - Institutional Class	6,666	#	6,666
	Vanguard Short Term Bond Index Fund - Admiral Class	607	#	6,444
	Total mutual funds			1,430,294
	Total investments			1,430,294
		Interest rates from 5.25% to 6.25% with maturity dates from August 2022 through January 2032		
*	Notes receivable from participants			81,895
	Total investments and notes receivable from participants			\$ 1,512,189

* Party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA

Not required for participant-directed investments.

See accompanying notes to financial statements and independent auditor's report.

Schedule C, Line 2(h) Formula Description

For those service providers listed on Line 2 for which Line 2(h) has been checked “yes”:

For a description of indirect compensation received by service providers listed on Line 2 that was disclosed as a formula, please see Line 3(e). Please note: If indirect compensation disclosed as a formula was received by a service provider from more than one source, there will be multiple Lines 3(e) for that service provider.

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning		and ending
A Name of plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	D Employer Identification Number (EIN)	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(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		

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 through 1j)	1k		

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l		
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
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)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)		
(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)		
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other.....	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		
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) ☐ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

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

(1) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ 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:

(2) EIN:

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:

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.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a			

	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			
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			
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			
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?			
4e			
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			
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			
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			
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			
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			
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			
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l			
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m			
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 _____.			

Attachment to 2021 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

Plan Name STERLING RESTAURANTS, LLC 401K PLAN

EIN: 26-4622679

Plan Sponsor's Name STERLING RESTAURANTS, LLC

PN: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	PARTICIPANT LOANS	INTEREST RATES (5.25% TO 7.50%)		81,895
	VANGUARD VALUE INDEX FUND ADMR	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		100,198
	BLACKROCK MIDCAP GROWTH EQ K	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		34,670
	PIMCO REAL RETURN FUND - INSTL	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		17,208
	LOOMIS SAYLES SMALL CAP GR N	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		50,756
	T ROWE PRICE BLUE CHIP GR I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		47,178
	JPM SMARTRETIREMENT 2035 R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		290,697

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	BLACKROCK T-FUND INSTL	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		6,666
	JPM SMARTRETIREMENT 2030 R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		47,980
	AMERICAN FNDS FUNDAMENT INV R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		140,432
	FIRST EAGLE FUND OF AMERICA I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		20,316
	JPM SMARTRETIREMENT 2040 R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		46,676
	JPM SMARTRETIREMENT 2020 R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		42,877
	VANGUARD SH TERM BD INDEX ADM	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		6,442

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	BLACKROCK HIGH YIELD BOND K	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		17,055
	WESTERN ASSET CORE PLUS BD IS	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		10,540
	JPM SMARTRETIREMENT 2055 R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		216,081
	DELAWARE EMERGING MARKETS R	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		32,676
	JPM SMARTRETIREMENT 2025 R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		88,641
	FRANKLIN SCV R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		40,459
	JPM SMARTRETIREMENT 2050 R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		16,538

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	JPM SMARTRETIREMENT INCOME R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		19,338
	AMERICAN FUNDS INT GR & INC R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		63,489
	JPM SMARTRETIREMENT 2045 R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		48,790
	MFS MID CAP VALUE FUND - R6	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		24,589