# 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**

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## Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

**1a** Name of plan
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**1c** Effective date of plan 03/01/1993

**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)
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

10 S. RIVERSIDE PLAZA
SUITE 1600
CHICAGO, IL 60606

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-3108701

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number 312-630-9880

**2d** Business code (see instructions) 523900

**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.

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|---|---|---|---|
| **SIGN HERE** | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 09/19/2022 | DON RALPH |
| | **Signature of plan administrator** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| **SIGN HERE** | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 09/19/2022 | DON RALPH |
| | **Signature of employer/plan sponsor** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| **SIGN HERE** | | | |
| | **Signature of DFE** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as DFE |

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| **3a** Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor | **3b** Administrator's EIN | |
| | **3c** Administrator's telephone number | |

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| **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:<br>**a** Sponsor's name<br>**c** Plan Name | **4b** EIN<br>**4d** PN | |

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| **5** Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | **5** | 319 |
| **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)** | 256 |
| **a(2)** Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | **6a(2)** | 261 |
| **b** Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | **6b** | 0 |
| **c** Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | **6c** | 69 |
| **d** Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c** | **6d** | 330 |
| **e** Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. | **6e** | 1 |
| **f** Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e** | **6f** | 331 |
| **g** Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g** | 276 |
| **h** Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | **6h** | 0 |
| **7** Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | **7** | |

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

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

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

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

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

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

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

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

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

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

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

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

# SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

## Insurance Information

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

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

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2021**

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

**A** Name of plan
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3108701

**Part I** **Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

**1** Coverage Information:

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY U.S.A. - JOHN HANCOCK USA

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
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| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 01-0233346 | 65838 | 62531 | 276 | 01/01/2021 | 12/31/2021 |

**2** Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
|---|---|
| 32352 | 12128 |

**3** Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT

RICHARD M PERLIN
5215 OLD ORCHARD RD STE 1200
SKOKIE, IL 60077

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | (e) Organization code |
| 18759 | | | 3 |

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

E.R.I.S.A., INC.

5215 OLD ORCHARD RD, SUITE 1030
SKOKIE, IL 60077-1088

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | (e) Organization code |
| 13593 | 12128 | | 5 |

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

| **(b)** Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | **(e)** Organization code |
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| | **(c)** Amount | **(d)** Purpose | |
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## Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

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| **4** | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | **4** | |
| **5** | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end | **5** | 29079785 |

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

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|---|---|---|---|
| **b** | Premiums paid to carrier | **6b** | |
| **c** | Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year | **6c** | |
| **d** | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶ | **6d** | |

**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity (3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

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

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

**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee (3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

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

## Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

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

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

**m** ☐ Other (specify) ▶

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

Specify nature of costs.

## Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

| SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) | Service Provider Information | OMB No. 1210-0110 |
|---|---|---|
| Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br>▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.** | **2021**<br>**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.** |

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

| **A** Name of plan | **B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ |
|---|---|
| ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN | 001 |

| **C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 | **D** Employer Identification Number (EIN) |
|---|---|
| ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. | 36-3108701 |

## Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

### 1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

JOHN HANCOCK USA

RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES
P.O. BOX 600
BUFFALO, NY 14201-0600

01-0233346

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

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

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

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE CO USA

01-0233346

| (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? |
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| 15 67 | RECORDKEEPER | 902 | Yes [X] No [ ] | Yes [X] No [ ] | 3569 | Yes [ ] No [X] |

**(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? |
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| | | | Yes [ ] No [ ] | Yes [ ] No [ ] | | Yes [ ] No [ ] |

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

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

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

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

| **(b)** Service Code(s) | **(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | **(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | **(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | **(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | **(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | **(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| | | | 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? |
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| | | | 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 |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
| | | |

| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| | | |
| **(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. | |
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| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| **(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. | |
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## 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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| **(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)**<br>(complete as many entries as needed) |
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**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:

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Explanation:

# SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

## DFE/Participating Plan Information

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
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3108701

**Part I** **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2065 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN | **d** Entity code | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 3493 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2060 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN | **d** Entity code | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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| 01-0233346-000 | P | 7922 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2055 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN | **d** Entity code | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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| 01-0233346-000 | P | 35154 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2025 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN | **d** Entity code | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 13957 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER AGGRESSIVE LS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN | **d** Entity code | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 1111167 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER GROWTH LS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN | **d** Entity code | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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| 01-0233346-000 | P | 643767 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER BALANCED LS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN | **d** Entity code | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 1914861 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER MODERATE LS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 442558 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER CONSERV LS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 951911 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN CENTURY HERITAGE

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 159377 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FINANCIAL INDUSTRIES FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 184480 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN SMALL-MID GROWTH

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 479749 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO DEVELOPING MARKETS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 382777 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO SMALL CAP GROWTH

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 642652 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ISHARES GOLD TRUST ETF

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 128303 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK MID CAP GROWTH

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 629931 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP INDEX FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 929319 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: REAL EST. SECURITIES FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 257190 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1702486 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP INDEX FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 371074 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SPROTT GOLD EQUITY FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 60908 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCI

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 246183 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE NEW ERA FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15254 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SCI & TECH

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 449167 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SML CAP VAL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 112346 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TEMPLETON FOREIGN SMALLER CO

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 80983 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD ENERGY FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 220927 |
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| **a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | VANGUARD MID-CAP GROWTH ETF | | |
| **b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | JOHN HANCOCK USA | | |
| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 143200 |
| **a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | VANGUARD SMALL CAP GROW INDEX | | |
| **b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | JOHN HANCOCK USA | | |
| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 448346 |
| **a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | VANGUARD SMALL CAP VALUE INDEX | | |
| **b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | JOHN HANCOCK USA | | |
| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 311420 |
| **a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | WISDOMTREE MIDCAP DIVIDEND ETF | | |
| **b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | JOHN HANCOCK USA | | |
| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 153908 |
| **a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | 500 INDEX FUND | | |
| **b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | JOHN HANCOCK USA | | |
| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 6088085 |
| **a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | CAPITAL WORLD GROWTH & INCOME | | |
| **b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | JOHN HANCOCK USA | | |
| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 218161 |
| **a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPAC GROWTH | | |
| **b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | JOHN HANCOCK USA | | |
| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 230441 |
| **a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | AMERICAN FUNDS FUNDAMENTAL INV | | |
| **b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | JOHN HANCOCK USA | | |
| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 470982 |
| **a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | AMERICAN FUNDS NEW PERSPECTIVE | | |
| **b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | JOHN HANCOCK USA | | |
| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 254156 |
| **a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND | | |
| **b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | JOHN HANCOCK USA | | |
| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 1450138 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL APPRECIATION FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1213949 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN MUTUAL BEACON FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 69330 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL LARGE CAP VALUE

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 665958 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTL EQUITY INDEX FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 257614 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO GLOBAL FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 122421 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK ESG LC CORE

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 84325 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK U.S. GROWTH FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 92687 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMORGAN U.S. EQUITY FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 764653 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE EQUITY INC

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 385295 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 489521 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TOT WLD STK INDEX ETF

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8142 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AF AMERICAN BALANCED FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 467823 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOCATION

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 51073 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN UTILITIES FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 42951 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS BOND FUND OF AM

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 325636 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK HIGH YIELD BOND FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 109507 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK TOTAL RETURN FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 183931 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY ADVISOR TOTAL BOND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 158747 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK BOND FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 156849 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: OPPORTUNISTIC FIXED INCOME

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 83411 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PIMCO INTL BOND USD-HEDGED

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 19185 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MONEY MARKET FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 906921 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SHORT-TERM FEDERAL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 473123 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| | |
|---|---|
| **a** Plan name | |
| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
| **a** Plan name | |
| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
| **a** Plan name | |
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| **a** Plan name | |
| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
| **a** Plan name | |
| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |

# SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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**

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

**A** Name of plan
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3108701

## Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

| Assets | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **a** Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | | |
| **b** Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| **(1)** Employer contributions | 1b(1) | | |
| **(2)** Participant contributions | 1b(2) | | 4573 |
| **(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) | 337018 | 405778 |
| **(9)** Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | | |
| **(10)** Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | 24288682 | 29079785 |
| **(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) | | |

| | | | **(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 | 24625700 | 29490136 |
| | **Liabilities** | | | |
| **g** | Benefit claims payable | 1g | | |
| **h** | Operating payables | 1h | | |
| **i** | Acquisition indebtedness | 1i | | |
| **j** | Other liabilities | 1j | | |
| **k** | Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j) | 1k | | |
| | **Net Assets** | | | |
| **l** | Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) | 1l | 24625700 | 29490136 |

## 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) | 2078421 | |
| | **(C)** Others (including rollovers) | 2a(1)(C) | 79418 | |
| | **(2)** Noncash contributions | 2a(2) | | |
| | **(3)** Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)** | 2a(3) | | 2157839 |
| **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) | 18121 | |
| | **(F)** Other | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| | **(G)** Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)** | 2b(1)(G) | | 18121 |
| | **(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) | | 3768217 |
| **(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 | | 5944177 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| **e** Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| **(1)** Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 985268 | |
| **(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) | | 985268 |
| **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) | 12128 | |
| **(2)** Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 82345 | |
| **(3)** Investment advisory and management fees | 2i(3) | | |
| **(4)** Other | 2i(4) | | |
| **(5)** Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)** | 2i(5) | | 94473 |
| **j** Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 1079741 |
| **Net Income and Reconciliation** | | | |
| **k** Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d** | 2k | | 4864436 |
| **l** Transfers of assets: | | | |
| **(1)** To this plan | 2l(1) | | |
| **(2)** From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

## Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(1)** Name: BAKER TILLY US, LLP **(2)** EIN: 39-0859910

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

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

## Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

| | | Yes | No | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **a** Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) | 4a | | X | |

| | | | Yes | No | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **b** | Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | **4b** | | X | |
| **c** | Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) | **4c** | | X | |
| **d** | Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) | **4d** | | X | |
| **e** | Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | **4e** | X | | 500000 |
| **f** | Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | **4f** | | X | |
| **g** | Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | **4g** | | X | |
| **h** | Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | **4h** | | X | |
| **i** | Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | **4i** | X | | |
| **j** | Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) | **4j** | | X | |
| **k** | Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | **4k** | | X | |
| **l** | Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | **4l** | | X | |
| **m** | If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | **4m** | | X | |
| **n** | If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3 | **4n** | | | |

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

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

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

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

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

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

# SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

## Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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**2021**

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

**A** Name of plan
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ZACKS INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3108701

## Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 01-0233346

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Part III Amendments

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

# Zacks Investment Research, Inc.
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# Independent Auditors' Report

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of
Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 9 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

**Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements**

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- the information in the 2021 financial statements 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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**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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

**Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements**

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

**Other Matter – 2021 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the 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 schedule, 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 schedule 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 schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule 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 schedule 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).

**Other Matter – Auditors' Report on the 2020 Financial Statements**

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In our report dated September 27, 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.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Chicago, Illinois
September 16, 2022

# Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan

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

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | |
| Investments at fair value | $ 29,079,785 | $ 24,288,682 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Participant contributions | 4,573 | - |
| Notes receivable from participants | 405,778 | 337,018 |
| Total receivables | 410,351 | 337,018 |
| Net assets available for benefits | $ 29,490,136 | $ 24,625,700 |

*See notes to financial statements*

# Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan

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

| | |
|---|---|
| **Additions** | |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | $ 3,768,217 |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | 18,121 |
| Contributions: | |
| Participants | 2,078,421 |
| Rollovers | 79,418 |
| Total contributions | 2,157,839 |
| Total additions | 5,944,177 |
| **Deductions** | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 985,268 |
| Administrative expenses | 94,473 |
| Total deductions | 1,079,741 |
| Net increase | 4,864,436 |
| **Net Assets Available for Benefits** | |
| Beginning of year | 24,625,700 |
| End of year | $ 29,490,136 |

*See notes to financial statements*

## 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings 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 established by Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Zacks Analyst Watch, Inc., LBMZ Securities, Inc. and Zacks Investment Management, Inc. are affiliates of the Company and are covered by the Plan. The plan administrator is responsible for oversight of the Plan, determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

### Eligibility

All employees 21 years of age or older, except members of a collective bargaining unit and nonresident aliens with no U.S. source income, who have completed at least one month of service with the Company, as defined by the plan document, are eligible to participate. Eligible employees may enter the Plan on the first day of each calendar month coinciding with or following the completion of the eligibility requirements. Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct Company and participant contributions to any combination of available investment options.

### Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the plan document, up to the maximum limits of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Participants may designate all or a portion of their deferral contributions as after-tax contributions into a Roth account. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover contributions). The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. The Company, at its sole discretion, may make a matching contribution to accounts of participants employed as of the end of the Plan year. The Company does not intend to make any matching contributions to the Plan.

### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and the Company's contribution, as well as allocations of the Plan's earnings. Participants are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

### Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Participants who leave the Plan because of death, early or normal retirement or disability retirement, as defined in the plan document, are considered 100% vested. Company discretionary contributions and earnings thereon vest in accordance with provisions of the Plan as follows:

| Years of Service | Percentage |
|---|---|
| 0-1 | 0% |
| 2 | 20% |
| 3 | 40% |
| 4 | 60% |
| 5 | 80% |
| 6+ | 100% |

### Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Each participant is allowed to have only two loans outstanding at any time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that range from 4.25% to 6.50% at December 31, 2021, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates at inception of the loan as determined quarterly by the plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through regular monthly payroll deductions. Terms range from one to five years or greater for the purchase of a primary residence.

### Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, retirement or other reasons, a participant may receive a lump-sum distribution equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account. In addition, the Plan allows for hardship distributions if certain criteria are met.

### Forfeited Accounts

There were no forfeited nonvested accounts as of December 31, 2021 or 2020. These accounts would be used to reduce future Company contributions or administrative expenses of the Plan.

### Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. This aid package was designed to help the economy from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, several of the provisions of CARES Act affected employee benefit plans. The provisions of the CARES Act were optional. The Plan did not elect to adopt any provisions of the CARES Act.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### Basis of Accounting

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

### Use of Estimates

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

### Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

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. The plan administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), the custodian of the Plan (the Custodian). See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Net appreciation includes the gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

### Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

### Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

### Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

### Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events for recognition or disclosure through September 16, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

### 3. Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under authoritative guidance are described as follows:

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 other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- 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 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 maximize the use of relevant observables and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

Pooled separate accounts are valued based upon the unit values of such pooled accounts held by the Plan at year-end. Unit values are based on the fair value of the underlying assets of the fund derived from inputs principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means, although are not based upon quoted market prices in an active market. The underlying investments of the pooled separate accounts consist of mutual funds, each of which follows a separate investment strategy. Due to the nature of these pooled accounts, there are no unfunded commitments or redemption restrictions.

The Custodian's short-term trading policy permits a participant a maximum of two exchanges per calendar month. After the exchange limit, participants may move 100% of their account to the money market fund where it must remain for 30 days. Trading can resume only once the 30 days have expired. In addition, as of December 31, 2021, the T. Rowe Price Small Cap Value Fund had a 90 day holding period and participants were charged a 1% fee upon redemption if the holding period was not satisfied.

The following table sets 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 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Total** | **Level 1** | **Level 2** | **Level 3** |
| Pooled separate accounts | $ 29,079,785 | $ - | $ 29,079,785 | $ - |

| | Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Total** | **Level 1** | **Level 2** | **Level 3** |
| Pooled separate accounts | $ 24,288,682 | $ - | $ 24,288,682 | $ - |

## 4. Administration of Plan Assets

The Plan’s assets are administered under a contract with the Custodian of the Plan. The Custodian invests funds received from contributions, investment sales and makes distribution payments to participants.

## 5. Related Party and Parties In Interest Transactions

Certain of the Plan's investments are managed by the Custodian and therefore, these transactions qualify as party in interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment manager services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. Additionally, the Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the participant's account balances. These transactions qualify as party in interest transactions.

Certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

## 6. Plan Termination

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

## 7. Tax Status

The Plan adopted provisions of a prototype nonstandardized profit sharing plan with CODA maintained by Datair Employee Benefit Systems, Inc. The prototype plan obtained its latest determination letter on March 31, 2014, in which the IRS stated that the prototype plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since the prototype plan received the determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

## 8. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Plan held one such investment totaling $6,088,085 and $4,627,753, respectively.

## 9. Information Prepared and Certified by the Custodian

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA for 2021 and 2020. Accordingly, the Custodian has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reported in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 and the supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021 and the related investment activity reported in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021.

# Zacks Investment Research, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan

Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN: 36-3108701 Plan Number: 001
December 31, 2021

| (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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) (JHLIC | | | |
| * | (U.S.A.)) | 500 Index Fund | N/R | $ 6,088,085 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Lifestyle Balanced Fund | N/R | 1,914,861 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Science & Technology Fund | N/R | 1,702,485 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Blue Chip Growth Fund | N/R | 1,450,138 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Capital Appreciation Fund | N/R | 1,213,949 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Lifestyle Aggressive Fund | N/R | 1,111,167 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Lifestyle Conservative Fund | N/R | 951,911 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Mid Cap Index Fund | N/R | 929,319 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Money Market Fund | N/R | 906,921 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | JPMorgan U.S. Equity Fund | N/R | 764,653 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Fundamental Large Cap Value Fund | N/R | 665,958 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Lifestyle Growth Fund | N/R | 643,767 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Invesco Small Cap Growth Fund | N/R | 642,652 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | John Hancock Mid Cap Growth | N/R | 629,931 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Total Stock Market Index Fund | N/R | 489,521 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund | N/R | 479,749 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund | N/R | 473,123 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Fundamental Investors Fund | N/R | 470,982 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | American Funds American Balanced Fund | N/R | 467,824 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe Price Science & Technology Fund | N/R | 449,166 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index | N/R | 448,346 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Lifestyle Moderate Fund | N/R | 442,558 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Oppenheimer Developing Market Fund | N/R | 385,295 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund | N/R | 382,777 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Small Cap Index Fund | N/R | 371,074 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | American Funds Bond Fund of America | N/R | 325,636 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund | N/R | 311,420 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | International Equity Index Fund | N/R | 257,614 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Real Estate Securities Fund | N/R | 257,190 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | New Perspective Fund | N/R | 254,156 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe Price Health Sciences Fund | N/R | 246,183 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund | N/R | 230,441 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Energy Fund | N/R | 220,927 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | American Funds World Growth & Income | N/R | 218,161 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Financial Industries Fund | N/R | 184,480 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | BlackRock Total Return Fund | N/R | 183,931 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | American Century Heritage Fund | N/R | 159,377 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Fidelity Advisor Total Bond | N/R | 158,747 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | John Hancock Bond Fund | N/R | 156,849 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | WisdomTree MC Dividend ETF | N/R | 153,908 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth ETF | N/R | 143,200 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | iShares Gold Trust ETF | N/R | 128,303 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Oppenheimer Global Fund | N/R | 122,421 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe Price Small Cap Value Fund | N/R | 112,346 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | BlackRock High Yield Bond | N/R | 109,507 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Strategic Growth Fund | N/R | 92,687 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | John Hancock ESG LC Core | N/R | 84,325 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Global Bond Fund | N/R | 83,412 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | International Small Cap Fund | N/R | 80,982 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Franklin Mutual Beacon Fund | N/R | 69,330 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Tocqueville Gold Fund | N/R | 60,908 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | BlackRock Global Allocation Fund | N/R | 51,073 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Frank Utilities Fund | N/R | 42,951 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2055 Target Date Retirement Fund | N/R | 35,154 |

| (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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | PIMCO Foreign Bond USD-Hedged | N/R | $ 19,185 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe New Era Fund | N/R | 15,254 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2025 Target Date Retirement Fund | N/R | 13,957 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Total World Stock ETF | N/R | 8,142 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund | N/R | 7,922 |
| * | JHLIC (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2065 Target Date Retirement Fund | N/R | 3,494 |
| | | Total investments at fair value | | 29,079,785 |
| * | **Participant Loans** | Interest rates: 4.25% - 6.50% | $0 | 405,778 |
| | | | | $ 29,485,563 |

* A party in interest as defined by ERISA
N/R - cost omitted for participant directed investments