

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information										
1a Name of plan <u>WESTROCK COMPANY 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>018</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>10/01/1997</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-3335141</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>678-291-7137</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>322200</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>018</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>10/01/1997</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-3335141</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>678-291-7137</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>322200</u>	
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2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>WESTROCK COMPANY</u> <u>1000 ABERNATHY ROAD NE</u> <u>ATLANTA, GA 30328</u>											

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/22/2022	KEVIN HESLIN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	43695
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)	32619
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	33059
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	1064
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	11012
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	45135
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	311
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	45446
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	41064
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	1149
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3H			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ <u>0</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan WESTROCK COMPANY 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	018
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WESTROCK COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-3335141	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE

84-0467907

(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?
64 50 37 15	NONE	1723665	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

ADVISED ASSETS GROUP, LLC

84-1532243

(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?
26 50	NONE	1033633	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

ROCATON INVESTMENT ADVISORS LLC

20 GLOVER AVE
NORWALK, CT 06850

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 50	NONE	286448	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)

QDRO CONSULTANTS COMPANY, LLC

34-1820650

(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?
16 50	NONE	13800	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(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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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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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
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WESTROCK COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-3335141	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	43687609	44174990
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	4717513	4753383
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	88611491	85582305
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	4231394196	4731095518
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	0	0
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	4368410809	4865606196

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	4368410809	4865606196
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	139720228	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	189273573	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	15091692	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	344085493
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	4428989	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		4428989
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	0	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		568026738
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		0
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		916541220
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	413733864	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		413733864
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		315210
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		2366812
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	13800	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	1320081	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	1720253	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		3054134
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		419470020
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		497071200
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		124187
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: BDO USA, LLP

(2) EIN: 13-5381590

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		10000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			
5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.			
5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)			
5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)	
5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.			

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan WESTROCK COMPANY 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 018
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WESTROCK COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-3335141

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 84-1455663		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

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

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2021
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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14c

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

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

15b

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

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

16b

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

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:

☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?

☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

**WestRock Company
401(k) Retirement Savings Plan**

**Financial Statements and
ERISA-Required Supplemental Schedule**

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020 and
for the Year Ended December 31, 2021

WestRock Company 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

Financial Statements and ERISA-Required Supplemental Schedule

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020 and for the Year Ended December 31, 2021

WestRock Company 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

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Note: Other schedules required by Section 2520.103.10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA have been omitted because they are not applicable.



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
WestRock Company 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
Atlanta, Georgia

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of **WestRock Company 401(k) Retirement 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). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's 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 (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits 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 (qualified institution), provided that the investment information is prepared and certified to by the qualified institution in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 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 (GAAP); and
- the certified investment information in the accompanying financial statements agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by a qualified institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits 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 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 GAAP.

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H. Line 4i 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 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. 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 their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



In our opinion,

- the 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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the certified investment information in the supplemental schedule agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by a qualified institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

BDO USA, LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
September 20, 2022

Financial Statements

WestRock Company 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>December 31,</i>	2021	2020
Investments:		
Investment interest in WestRock Master Trust (Note 3)	\$ 4,731,095,518	\$ 4,231,394,196
Receivables:		
Participant contributions	4,753,383	4,717,513
Employer contributions	44,174,990	43,687,609
Notes receivable from participants	85,582,305	88,611,491
Total Receivables	134,510,678	137,016,613
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 4,865,606,196	\$ 4,368,410,809

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

WestRock Company 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>Year Ended December 31,</i>	2021
Additions	
Plan's interest in investment income of WestRock Master Trust	\$ 568,026,738
Interest income on notes receivables	4,428,989
Contributions:	
Participants	189,273,573
Employer	139,720,228
Rollovers	15,091,692
Total contributions	344,085,493
Total additions	916,541,220
Deductions:	
Benefit paid to participants	416,415,886
Administrative expenses	3,054,134
Total deductions	419,470,020
Net increase	497,071,200
Transfers in	124,187
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	4,368,410,809
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ 4,865,606,196

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Westrock Company 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the WestRock Company 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the “WestRock Plan” or 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 covering employees of the WestRock Company (the “Company”) and its wholly owned subsidiaries who meet eligibility requirements. The Plan became effective on October 1, 1997 and has since been amended. Effective January 1, 2016, the Plan was formally restated, and its name changed to the WestRock Company 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Administrative Committee oversees governance of the Plan. The Plan’s Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Plan’s Administrative Committee.

Effective July 1, 2020, the Plan added the WestRock Company Stock Fund (“Stock Fund”) to the investment options. This fund is primarily invested in shares of WestRock common stock and includes a money market fund for liquidity. Employer matching contributions and any additional contributions that the Company elects to make in the form of WestRock common stock will be initially invested in the Stock Fund and participants may transfer to other investment options. Participants may also elect to invest their own contributions in the Stock Fund. Participant contributions to the Stock Fund are limited to a 20% allocation to the Stock Fund for future employee contributions, and participants may no longer transfer existing account balances to the Stock Fund at any time the Stock Fund exceeds 20% or more of their total account balance.

Effective October 1, 2021, the Stock Fund was closed to new investments. The Company discontinued funding employer contributions in Company Stock and returned to cash contributions on October 4, 2021. On May 31, 2022, the Stock Fund was completely liquidated. Participants had the opportunity to transfer to other investment options in the Plan prior to May 26, 2022. On May 31, 2022, all remaining investments in the Stock Fund were sold and the proceeds were transferred to target date retirement funds based on each participant’s age.

The following transfers occurred during 2021:

	Transfers in	
WestRock Company Retirement Savings Plan for Puerto Rico Employees	\$	124,187
Totals	\$	124,187

Administration

Great-West Trust Company, LLC (“Great-West”) is the trustee and custodian of the Plan, and Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company (“Empower”) is the Plan’s recordkeeper who maintained individual accounts reflecting each participant’s respective interest in the value of the Plan’s net assets.

Certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the Company. These employees did not receive compensation from the Plan.

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The WestRock Company 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan Trust (“Master Trust”) holds investments on behalf of the Plan, the RTS Packaging, LLC 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, and the WestRock Company 401(k) Provisional Retirement Savings Plan. See Note 3.

Eligibility

Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after completing a minimum service period of one month, and temporary employees are eligible to participate after one year of service. Collectively bargained employees, as defined by the Plan, are generally eligible to participate after having completed a minimum service period of ninety days, subject to certain exclusions stated in the Plan document. An employee’s service with a predecessor employer acquired by or merged with the Company or service with RTS Packaging Services, LLC, will be taken into account for the purposes of determining an employee’s eligibility to participate in the Plan.

Contributions

Once eligible, certain participants are automatically enrolled in the Plan with a deferral percentage of 3 percent of eligible compensation unless the participant 1) elects not to participate in the Plan or 2) elects a different deferral percentage. Subsequently, the deferral percentage for automatically enrolled participants is automatically increased 1 percent annually up to a maximum deferral percentage of 10 percent, unless the participant 1) elects not to participate in the automatic increase or 2) elects a different deferral percentage maximum.

Outside of the automatic enrollment process, participants may make before-tax or Roth contributions between a minimum of 1% and a maximum of 75 percent of eligible compensation, as defined by the Plan, to the Plan through salary deferrals, subject to certain maximum limitations under the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). Participants who have or will attain age 50 on or before the end of the year are eligible to make catch-up contributions to the Plan. Employees can request to make a rollover contribution to the Plan before meeting the participation requirement of the Plan. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan through the Master Trust.

For each pay period that a participant makes contributions to the Plan, the Company makes a matching contribution. Matching provisions for participants are 100 percent of the participant’s contribution up to 5 percent of eligible compensation for such pay period. In addition, for all Plan participants who are ineligible participants from an affiliated pension plan and who are employed on the last day of the Plan year, an additional company contribution will be made in the amount of 2.5 percent of the participant’s eligible compensation for the Plan year. The additional company contribution totaled \$41,549,101 for the year ended December 31, 2021. Matching contributions for participants that are part of a collectively bargained agreement are in accordance with the respective contract with each bargaining unit. Company matching contributions range from 0 percent to 100 percent of the participant’s contribution, based on the participant’s union affiliation, for each pay period, up to a maximum of 6% of eligible compensation.

Participant Accounts

Each participant’s account is credited with (i) the participant’s 401(k) contribution, (ii) the Company’s contribution, and (iii) the participant’s account earnings, thereon. Each participant’s account is charged with (i) withdrawals, and (ii) an allocation of administrative expenses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the participant’s vested account balance.

Investment Options

All investments Master Trust as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

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Vesting

Participants vest immediately in their voluntary contributions and actual earnings thereon. All participants who are not collectively bargained participants vest immediately in matching contributions made by the Company for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. Vesting in the Company's matching contributions for collectively bargained participants and additional contributions, and earnings thereon is based on years of service. Generally, a participant's account is fully vested after three years of credited service or other events, as defined by the Plan. Certain participant accounts transferred into the Plan from merged plans vest over periods exceeding three years.

Forfeitures

Forfeited non-vested amounts are used to pay general administrative expenses of the Plan, restore account balances for re-employed participants, and/or, to offset Company matching contributions. Forfeitures of \$5,636 were used to offset Company contributions by the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021. Forfeitures of \$4,142,575 and \$1,586,468 were available for future use at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Withdrawals and Payments of Benefits

Participants can elect to receive payment of their vested account balance as soon as practicable after employment is terminated or after becoming disabled. Participants may have their account paid directly to them net of appropriate taxes and penalties (as applicable) or transferred in a direct rollover to another qualified plan or individual retirement account without taxes or penalties. Participants who have attained the age of 70½ receive distributions in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") minimum required distribution rules.

In general, the Plan also provides for withdrawals by a participant from his or her contribution account prior to retirement either upon the attainment of age 59½, disability, a hardship withdrawal, a rollover withdrawal, or upon termination of the Plan without establishment of a successor plan.

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 percent of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate, determined quarterly, is set at 1 percent above the prime rate, as defined. Loans must be repaid within five years, except principal residence loans which may not exceed fifteen years, to the participant's account with interest. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates

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

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The Plan Sponsor determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisors and trustee. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in mutual funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, these management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Notes Receivable from Participants

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

Administrative Expenses

Certain administrative expenses are paid by the Plan, as allowed by the Plan document. Recordkeeping, investment advisory, and custodial fees are paid by plan participants and all other expenses are paid by the Company and excluded from these financial statements.

Investment and advisory management fees related to the stable value common/collective trust and the custom funds are paid from the assets of the Master Trust on a quarterly basis. Such fees are recorded as a deduction from the Master Trust's net assets.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded upon distribution.

3. Interest in WestRock Master Trust

Effective January 1, 2016, the Plan entered into a master trust agreement with Great-West who became the custodian of the Master Trust's investments and the Plan's Trustee. The value of the Plan's share of net assets is presented as a single asset and the net investment experience in the Master Trust is presented as a single addition to or deduction from net assets in the accompanying financial statements.

The Master Trust's net assets are allocated among participating plans by assigning to each plan those transactions (primarily contributions, benefit payments and certain administrative expenses) which can be specifically identified, and by allocating among participating plans, in proportion to the fair value of the net assets assigned to each plan, income and expenses resulting from the collective investment of the net assets of the Master Trust.

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The Plan does not have an undivided interest in the investments held in the Master Trust since each plan's interest in the investments of the Master Trust is based on the account balances of the participants and their elected investment fund options.

A summary of the net assets of the Master Trust and the Plan's interest in the Master Trust as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	December 31, 2021		December 31, 2020	
	Master Trust Balances	Plan's interest in Master Trust	Master Trust Balances	Plan's interest in Master Trust
Investments at fair value:				
Mutual funds	\$ 69,798,103	\$ 69,022,368	\$ 79,293,901	\$ 78,352,423
Money market funds	4,970,993	4,925,639	4,148,035	4,110,130
Common/collective trusts	4,082,065,733	4,017,920,509	3,713,440,405	3,657,299,341
Common stock of WestRock Company	141,084,052	141,084,052	61,293,679	61,293,679
Common stocks and ADRs	503,741,525	498,142,950	435,509,542	430,338,623
Net asset available for benefits	\$ 4,801,660,406	\$ 4,731,095,518	\$ 4,293,685,562	\$ 4,231,394,196

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Master Trust investment income was comprised of the following:

	2021
Master Trust investment income	
Interest and dividends	\$ 2,744,061
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	573,992,990
Total master trust investment income	\$ 576,737,051

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Master Trust held 3,180,434 and 1,408,079 shares of common stock of WestRock Company with fair values of \$141,084,052 and \$61,293,679, respectively.

4. Fair Value Measurements

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") has established a framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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The asset or liability 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. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Master Trust's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

<i>December 31, 2021</i>	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a) Mutual funds	\$ 69,798,103	\$ 69,798,103
(b) Common stock of WestRock Company	141,084,052	141,084,052
(c) Common stocks	503,741,525	503,741,525
(d) Money market funds	4,970,993	4,970,993
Total	\$ 719,594,673	\$ 719,594,673
(e) Investment measured at NAV-collective trusts		4,082,065,733
Total assets at fair value		\$ 4,801,660,406

<i>December 31, 2020</i>	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a) Mutual funds	\$ 79,293,901	\$ 79,293,901
(b) Common stock of WestRock Company	61,293,679	61,293,679
(c) Common stocks	435,509,542	435,509,542
(d) Money market funds	4,148,035	4,148,035
Total	\$ 580,245,157	\$ 580,245,157
(e) Investment measured at NAV-collective trusts		3,713,440,405
Total assets at fair value		\$ 4,293,685,562

(a) Mutual funds are valued using the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV is a quoted price in an active market and classified within level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

(b) Unitized stock funds consist of shares of the Company's stock as well as a nominal cash balance and are valued based on the quoted market price of the Company's common stock and the cost of short-term money market investments.

(c) Common stocks and American depository receipts are valued using a quoted price in an active market and classified within level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

(d) Money market funds are stated at cost plus accrued interest with approximate fair value.

(e) Valued using the NAV of the fund. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. There were no unfunded commitments on these funds as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 and no liquidity restrictions. Further, these collective trust funds are DFE filers.

The Master Trust invests in a stable value collective trust fund (the "stable value fund") managed by Galliard Capital Management ("GCM"). The stable value fund is comprised primarily of fully-benefit responsive synthetic investment contracts and is valued at net asset value. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) are recorded at recorded at the net asset value and may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the stable value fund, GCM reserves the right to acquire 12 months' notification to ensure the securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner. The balance of the stable value fund was \$412,249,183 and \$400,051,211 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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5. Information Certified by Trustee

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance for certain investment information as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Great-West Trust Company, the trustee, has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate.

<i>December 31,</i>	2021	2020
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Investment interest in WestRock Master Trust	\$ 4,731,095,518	\$ 4,231,394,196
Notes receivable from participants	85,582,305	88,611,491
Total	\$ 4,816,677,823	\$ 4,320,005,687

<i>December 31,</i>	2021
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits:	
Plan interest in WestRock Master Trust investment income	\$ 568,026,738
Interest income from notes receivable from participants	\$ 4,428,989

6. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the IRS dated June 29, 2017, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Plan administrator and Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan was designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and has no income subject to unrelated business income tax. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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

7. Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by the trustee. Transactions involving these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. In addition, the trustee receives investment management fees related to these funds prior to any funds being allocated to investment earnings or losses. Party-in-interest transactions also include loans made to participants and employer stock held by the Plan. Fees paid to the party-in-interest were \$3,054,134 for the year ended December 31, 2021.

8. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in their account balances, and the assets of the Plan will be distributed to the participants in accordance with the Plan provisions.

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9. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities, including those held by the Master Trust. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, credit, and overall market volatility. 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 participant's account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

10. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events after the statement of net assets available for plan benefits date through September 20, 2022, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

ERISA-Required Supplemental Schedule

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Schedule H, line 4i-Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)-December 31, 2021
 EIN/PN: 62-0342590/018

(a) Party- in- interest	(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
		Loans with interest rates of 3.25 to 10.75 percent		
*	Participant loans		-	\$ 85,582,305
	Total			\$ 85,582,305

* Denotes party-in-interest

** Cost omitted for participant-directed investments.

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		Loans with interest rates of 3.25 to 10.75 percent		
*	Participant loans		-	\$ 85,582,305
	Total			\$ 85,582,305

* Denotes party-in-interest

** Cost omitted for participant-directed investments.