

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	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u> <u>GUITAR CENTER, INC. 401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>
	1c Effective date of plan <u>11/01/1981</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>GUITAR CENTER, INC.</u> <u>5795 LINDERO CANYON RD.</u> <u>WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362</u>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>95-4600862</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>818-735-8800</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>451140</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.	10/10/2022	KRISTIN JARAMILLO
	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 GUIAR CENTER, INC. BENEFITS COMMITTEE 5795 LINDERO CANYON RD. WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362		3b Administrator's EIN 95-4600862	
		3c Administrator's telephone number 818-735-8800	
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	13592
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)	12596
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	14019
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	8
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	1277
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	15304
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	10
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	15314
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	4225
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2T 3D 3F 3H			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ 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 GUITAR CENTER, INC. 401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GUITAR CENTER, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-4600862	

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)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65 71	RECORDKEEPER	78795	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	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 ☐

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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			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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DODGE & COX INTL STK - DST ASSET M 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
LOOMIS SM CP GRTH IS - DST ASSET M 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BLACKSTONE ALTERV MULTI STRATEGY C 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	0.40%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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DFA US LARGE CAP VALUE PRTF INSTL 6300 BEE CAVES ROAD BUILDING ONE AUSTIN, TX 78746	0.02%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DOUBLELINE FLEXIBLE INCOME CL N 777 EAST WISCONSIN AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53202	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PIMCO INCOME FUND CL A 1633 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10019	0.40%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PIMCO INFLATION RSPNS MULTI ASSET 1633 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10019	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
THRIVENT MID CAP STOCK FUND CL S 4321 N. BALLARD ROAD APPLETON, WI 54919-0001	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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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.
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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 <u>GUITAR CENTER, INC. 401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) <u>001</u>	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>GUITAR CENTER, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>95-4600862</u>	

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)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NT EXT EQ MKT IDX

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): NORTHERN TRUST GLOBAL INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>45-6138589-110</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2158881</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NT ACWI EX-US INDEX

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): NORTHERN TRUST GLOBAL INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>45-6138589-223</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>850974</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NT AGGREG BOND INDEX

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): NORTHERN TRUST GLOBAL INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>45-6138589-088</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1841600</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MIP CL 2

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>04-3022712-024</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2726294</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NT S&P 500 INDEX

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): NORTHERN TRUST GLOBAL INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>45-6138589-002</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>8751961</u>
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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)
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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
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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
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**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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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>		
A Name of plan <u>GUIAR CENTER, INC. 401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>GUIAR CENTER, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>95-4600862</u>	

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)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	32892	274292
(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)	608917	721114
(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)	1600590	1599385
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	14086225	16329710
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(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)	112018257	133010220
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	117	-287

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(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	128346998	151934434

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	128346998	151934434
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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)	3363110	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	12743033	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	2209012	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	18315155
(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)	733	
(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)	96087	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		96820
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	0	11709755
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	5980	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	11703775	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	893036	-107684
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	1000720	
(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)	0	119963
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	119963	
(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)		2161090
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(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)		5590364
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		37885463
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	13460826	
(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)		13460826
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		773521
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		-15029
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	78709	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		78709
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		14298027
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		23587436
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **HOTLHOUSE CARLIN & VAN TRIGT LLP**

(2) EIN: **95-4345526**

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		803567

	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		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?		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		X	

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 GUITAR CENTER, INC. 401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GUITAR CENTER, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-4600862

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	
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): 04-6568107		
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 _____

GUITAR CENTER, INC. 401(k) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES,
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2021



GUITAR CENTER, INC. 401(k) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Guitar Center, Inc. Benefits Committee:

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 Guitar Center, Inc. 401(k) and Profit Sharing 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), which 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 ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not to 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 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 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 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements* section of our report

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"); and
- the information in the accompanying 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 *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 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 to raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date the financial statements are issued or 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

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

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information and 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 2021 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 were identified during the audit.

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021 and the Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2021 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 2021 financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2021 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2021 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2021 financial statements or to the 2021 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is

derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

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

Other Matter – Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the statement of net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2020. 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 the qualified institution. Our audit report dated December 30, 2021, 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 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 derived from the information certified by the qualified institution was presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



Camarillo, California
October 5, 2022

GUITAR CENTER, INC. 401(k) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

AS OF DECEMBER 31,	2021	2020
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 150,311,000	\$ 126,652,846
Receivables:		
Company contributions	139,084	434,255
Participants' contributions	947	332,201
Notes receivable from participants	1,599,385	1,600,590
Total assets	152,050,416	129,019,892
Liabilities		
Corrective distributions	704,399	699,482
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 151,346,017	\$ 128,320,410

See notes to financial statements.

GUITAR CENTER, INC. 401(k) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

2021

Additions

Company contributions	\$	2,789,291
Participants' contributions		11,986,028
Participants' rollover contributions		2,209,012
Interest income on investments		733
Dividend income on investments		11,709,755
Interest income on notes receivable from participants		96,087
Net appreciation of investments		7,836,881
Total additions		36,627,787

Deductions

Benefits paid to participants		13,519,836
Administrative expenses		82,344
Total deductions		13,602,180

Net increase 23,025,607

Net assets available for benefits

Beginning of year		128,320,410
End of year	\$	151,346,017

See notes to financial statements.

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1. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The following description of the Guitar Center, Inc. 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants and other interested parties should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering eligible employees who are employed by Guitar Center, Inc. (the "Plan Sponsor") and related employers (collectively the "Company"). Participants must complete one year of service to be eligible for discretionary Company matching and profit sharing contributions, as defined in the Plan. Participants must be employed on the last day of the Plan year and credited with at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year to be eligible for the discretionary Company profit sharing contributions, if any. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Contributions - Each year, participants may make pretax and Roth deferrals of up to 75 percent of their annual eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan and subject to certain limitations under the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). 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 eligible retirement plans, as defined in the Plan. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Plan provides for discretionary Company matching contributions of 100 percent of the eligible participant's elective pre-tax and Roth contributions (excluding catch-up contributions) up to two percent of eligible compensation per Plan year up to the annual limit in code section 401(a)(7). The discretionary Company matching contribution was \$2,789,291, net of forfeitures, for the year ended December 31, 2021. The Plan also provides for discretionary Company profit sharing contributions. No discretionary Company profit sharing contributions were made for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's profit sharing contribution, if any, and Plan earnings, and charged with any withdrawals or distributions requested by the participant, (gains or losses) and allocation of administrative expenses, if applicable. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the participant's then vested account balance.

Vesting - Participants are vested immediately in their contributions and discretionary Company matching contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's profit sharing contribution, if any, portion of their accounts is based on years of service. Participants vest in Company profit sharing contributions, if any, at a rate of 20 percent per year and are 100 percent vested after five years of service. While still employed by the Company, if a participant becomes disabled, dies or reaches normal retirement age, as such terms are defined in the Plan, the participant becomes 100 percent vested.

Forfeitures - Forfeitures of Company contributions may be used to pay for Plan administrative expenses and to reduce future Company contributions. During the year ended December 31, 2021, forfeitures of \$55,651 were utilized to reduce discretionary Company matching contributions. As of December 31, 2021, \$447 of forfeitures are available for future use.

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Payment of Benefits - On termination of service for any reason, a participant may receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account as permitted under the Plan. The Plan provides for a mandatory cash-out following severance of employment for account balances of \$5,000 or less.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting - The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, primarily from information provided by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee").

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - The Plan's 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.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. 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 and 2020.

Administrative Expenses - Certain administrative expenses incidental to the administration of the Plan, including fees of the Trustee and independent public accountants, may be paid by the Plan. Administrative expenses not paid by the Company are paid by the Plan.

Most investment options have fees which reduce the overall return on assets. The net appreciation of investments is reflected net of these fees.

Benefits Payable to Participants - Benefits are recorded when paid.

3. FAIR VALUE

The Plan accounts for its financial instruments using a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value measurement hierarchy is based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the last unobservable.

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The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are the following:

- Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology that 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 Level 1 that are observable, 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 markets that are inactive; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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.

Mutual Funds and Unit Investment Trusts – This category consists of publicly traded funds of registered investment companies. The net asset value ("NAV") of the fund's shares is quoted on the exchange where the fund is traded and therefore classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

Common Stocks – Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded and therefore is classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

Money Market Accounts – Money market accounts are at par and valued at fair value and therefore classified as Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy.

Common Collective Trusts – The common collective trusts ("CCT") are valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the funds' 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.

The CCT do not have any unfunded commitments relating to their investments, or any significant restrictions on redemptions. Participant-directed redemptions can be made on any business day and do not have a redemption notice period.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value:

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 132,441,478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132,441,478
Self-directed accounts *	1,563,861	-	-	1,563,861
Investments in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 134,005,339	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,005,339
Investments measured at NAV				
practical expedient				16,305,661
Investments at fair value				\$ 150,311,000

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Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 111,524,706	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111,524,706
Self-directed accounts *	1,135,477	-	-	1,135,477
Investments in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 112,660,183	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,660,183
Investments measured at NAV/ practical expedient				13,992,663
Investments at fair value				\$ 126,652,846

* As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the majority of the self-directed accounts were invested in money market accounts, mutual funds, unit investment trusts, and common stocks.

4. FINANCIAL DATA CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the following information was certified as complete and accurate by the Trustee and was not subjected to any auditing procedures performed by the independent public accountants:

- Investments, at fair value and notes receivable from participants as shown in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.
- Net appreciation of investments, interest and dividend income on investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants as shown in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021.
- Investments and participant loans as listed in the accompanying Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021.

5. 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.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

The Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions and to terminate the Plan in each case, at any time for any reason, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100 percent vested in their Company contributions.

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7. NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 less the highest outstanding loan balance during the prior 12 months or 50 percent of their vested account balance. Loans are generally issued with a maturity of up to five years. The term of any loan for the purpose of purchasing a primary residence shall not exceed 10 years. The loan interest rate is determined by the plan administrator based on prevailing rates, as defined by the Plan. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

8. TAX STATUS

The Company adopted a non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan, which is the subject of a favorable tax opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020. The Company believes that the Plan currently is materially designed and materially operated in accordance with applicable requirements of the IRC and, as such the Plan is exempt from income taxes.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Company has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. 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.

9. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Trustee. Transactions with the Trustee qualify as party in interest transactions for which exemptions exist. During 2021, the Plan paid administration expenses of \$82,344 to the Trustee, all of which were transaction fees directly paid by the participants through the Plan's trust, and \$3,635 was credited back to the participants through the revenue sharing agreement with the Trustee.

10. DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

Certain contributions have been identified by the Plan Administrator as not remitted timely to the Trustee as required by the Department of Labor's regulations. The Plan Administrator has taken appropriate corrective action and has a pending submission under the Department of Labor's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program. Such late remittances that occurred in 2020 and 2021 are being detailed in the attached Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions.

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11. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

As of December 31,	2021	2020
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 151,346,017	\$ 128,320,410
Accounting difference in value of investment	24,049	93,562
Company contributions receivable	(139,084)	(434,255)
Participants' contributions receivable	(947)	(332,201)
Corrective distributions	704,399	699,482
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 151,934,434	\$ 128,346,998

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

For the year ended December 31,	2021
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 23,025,607
Change in the accounting difference in value of investment	(69,513)
Change in Company contributions receivable	295,171
Change in participants' contributions receivable	331,254
Change in corrective distributions	4,917
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 23,587,436

12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through October 5, 2022, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that there were no subsequent events or transactions that required recognition or disclosure in the financial statements, except as disclosed below.

Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan was amended to rename the Plan to Guitar Center, Inc. 401(k) Plan.

GUIAR CENTER, INC. 401(k) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN**EIN 95-4600862 PLAN #001****SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)****DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Identity of issue	Description of investment	Current value
Investments		
* Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio	Common Collective Trust	\$ 2,702,245
Northern Trust All Country World Index Ex-US Fund	Common Collective Trust	850,974
Northern Trust Aggregate Bond Index Fund	Common Collective Trust	1,841,600
Northern Trust Extended Equity Market Index Fund	Common Collective Trust	2,158,881
Northern Trust S&P 500 Index Fund	Common Collective Trust	8,751,961
* Fidelity Government Money Market Portfolio	Money Market Mutual Fund	1,287
Loomis Sayles Small Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	1,458,369
T. Rowe Price Small Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund	1,500,068
JPMorgan Mid Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund	2,210,260
Carillon Eagle Mid Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	2,413,650
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	Mutual Fund	1,708,126
MFS Value Fund	Mutual Fund	1,678,847
* Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	777,463
* Fidelity Contrafund	Mutual Fund	8,124,492
* Fidelity Growth Company Fund	Mutual Fund	12,653,506
* Fidelity International Discovery Fund	Mutual Fund	1,933,526
* Fidelity Freedom Income Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	734,032
* Fidelity Freedom 2005 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	153,625
* Fidelity Freedom 2010 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	259,081
* Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	2,274,410
* Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	6,129,374
* Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	10,271,724
* Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	13,931,093
* Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	15,908,097
* Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	13,399,847
* Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	11,917,517
* Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	11,572,884
* Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	7,794,239
* Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	3,462,391
* Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	Asset Allocation Mutual Fund	173,570
* Self-Directed Accounts	Various	1,563,861
		150,311,000
* Participant loans	Interest rates from 3.50% to 8.00%, maturity dates from 2022 to 2031	1,599,385
		\$ 151,910,385

* Indicates a party in interest to the Plan.

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

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**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included	Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions:			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002- 51
		Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP*	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP*	
\$ 801,996 **	✓	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 801,996	\$ -
1,571 ***		-	-	1,571	-
\$ 803,567		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 803,567	\$ -

* Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program

** Certain 2020 contributions identified as not remitted timely and are pending correction under VFCP.

*** Certain 2021 contributions identified as not remitted timely and are pending correction under VFCP.

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

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)*
DECEMBER 31, 2021

* See attached financial statements with independent auditor's report.

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**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
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