

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>WHITESTONE REIT 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>001</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2007</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2007</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>WHITESTONE REIT</u> <u>2600 SOUTH GESSNER SUITE 500</u> <u>HOUSTON, TX 77063</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>76-0594970</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>713-435-2213</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>531190</u></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>76-0594970</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>713-435-2213</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>531190</u>	
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2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>713-435-2213</u>					
2d Business code (see instructions) <u>531190</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.	10/11/2022	DAVID HOLEMAN
	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	130
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)	81
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	75
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	2
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	55
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	132
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	132
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	123
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	13
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 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>1</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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 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 WHITESTONE REIT RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WHITESTONE REIT	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 76-0594970

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
71-0294708	86509	551536	132	01/01/2021	12/31/2021

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 233	(b) Total amount of fees paid 0
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
131			3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
VOYA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC. 699 WALNUT STREET
SUITE 1000
DES MOINES, IA 50309

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
102			3

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end **4** 448206**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... **5****6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier **6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
Specify nature of costs ▶**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ GROUP PENSION FUNDING**b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 680285**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)** 55138
(2) Dividends and credits..... **7c(2)** 0
(3) Interest credited during the year..... **7c(3)** 6346
(4) Transferred from separate account..... **7c(4)** 0
(5) Other (specify below)..... **7c(5)** 11054
▶ *(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 72538**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 752823**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)** 5453
(2) Administration charge made by carrier..... **7e(2)** 5061
(3) Transferred to separate account..... **7e(3)** 283071
(4) Other (specify below)..... **7e(4)** 4180
▶ *(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 297765**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 455058

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) 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
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WHITESTONE REIT	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 76-0594970	

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
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY
71-0294708

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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?
27 64	SERVICE PROVIDER	62118	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.

10 EXCHANGE PL STE 1410
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

(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?
55	BROKER/DEALER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	21146	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

VOYA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC

ORANGE WAY, A1S
WINDSOR, CT 06095

(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?
55	BROKER/DEALER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	16460	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.	55	21146

(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.
VOYA FINANCIAL PARTNERS 06-1375177	OTHER COMMISSIONS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
VOYA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	55	16460

(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.
VOYA FINANCIAL PARTNERS 06-1375177	OTHER COMMISSIONS

(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:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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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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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: VOYA MID-CAP GROWTH EQUITY FUND C8

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA INVESTMENT TRUST CO

c EIN-PN <u>06-1440627-038</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>280849</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)
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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)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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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 WHITESTONE REIT RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WHITESTONE REIT	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 76-0594970	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	114972	83650
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	235686	280849
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	5841622	7533040
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	680285	455058
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	6872565	8352597

Liabilities

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

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	6872565	8352597
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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)	250478	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	644216	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		894694
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	4786	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	6346	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		11132
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	643846	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		643846
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		30009
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		353102
c Other income.....	2c		12
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1932795
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	391425	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		391425
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		-2100
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	63438	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		63438
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		452763
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		1480032
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: PANNELL KERR FORSTER OF TEXAS P.C.

(2) EIN: 76-0356884

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		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?		X	
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?		X	
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.)		X	
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?		X	
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
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 WHITESTONE REIT RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WHITESTONE REIT	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 76-0594970

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): 71-0294708		
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

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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 _____

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

**Financial Statements and
Supplemental Schedule**

December 31, 2021

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

December 31, 2021

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Schedules not included herein are omitted because of the absence of the conditions under which they are required.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Participants of
Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of the Whitestone REIT 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) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

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

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

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.



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Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 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.

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

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

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

In our opinion—

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

Auditors' Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In our report dated September 17, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Pannell Kerr Forster of Texas, P.C.

October 5, 2022

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2021	2020
Assets		
Investments at fair value		
Money market fund	\$ 31,520	\$ 35,185
Pooled separate accounts	<u>7,782,369</u>	<u>6,042,123</u>
Total investments at fair value	<u>7,813,889</u>	<u>6,077,308</u>
Fixed income fund at contract value	<u>455,058</u>	<u>680,285</u>
Receivables		
Employer contributions	-	7,049
Notes receivable from participants	<u>87,765</u>	<u>121,187</u>
Total receivables	<u>87,765</u>	<u>128,236</u>
Total assets	<u>8,356,712</u>	<u>6,885,829</u>
Liabilities		
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 8,356,712</u>	<u>\$ 6,885,829</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2021	2020
Additions to net assets		
Participant contributions	\$ 644,216	\$ 587,934
Employer contributions	243,429	219,716
Interest and dividends	650,192	135,932
Interest on notes receivable from participants	4,786	4,602
Net appreciation in fair value investments	383,123	632,456
Total additions	1,925,746	1,580,640
Deductions from net assets		
Participant withdrawals	391,425	414,280
Administrative expenses	63,438	16,210
Total deductions	454,863	430,490
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	1,470,883	1,150,150
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	6,885,829	5,735,679
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ 8,356,712	\$ 6,885,829

See notes to financial statements.

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the *Plan Document* for more complete information.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan pursuant to Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan was adopted effective January 1, 2007 and most recently amended and restated effective January 1, 2022, by Whitestone REIT (the "Company"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Trustee and recordkeeper

Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company (the "Trustee" or "Voya") is the trustee for the Plan and became the recordkeeper for the plan effective July 9, 2020. Previously, NOVA 401(k) Associates was the recordkeeper for the Plan.

Eligibility

All employees are eligible to participate in the Plan. Employees are eligible after attaining 21 years of age and completing 90 days of service. Employees are automatically enrolled at 6% of eligible compensation, as defined, on the first day of the Plan quarter coinciding with or next following the date the eligibility requirements are met.

Contributions

The Plan provides for voluntary pre-tax and after-tax participant contributions expressed as a percentage of the participant's eligible compensation, as defined, up to 100% of the participant's eligible compensation. The contributions are not to exceed the limits set by the IRC. Eligible participants may also make catch-up contributions upon attaining 50 years of age, as defined by the IRC.

The Company can make discretionary matching contributions and discretionary profit-sharing contributions. The Company adopted the Qualified Automatic Contribution Arrangement ("QACA") Safe Harbor Provisions of the IRC. The Plan provides for a mandatory QACA Safe Harbor employer contribution on behalf of each participant equal to 100% of the first 1% of the participant's eligible compensation, plus 50% of compensation exceeding 1% but not more than 6%. The Company did not make any discretionary matching or profit-sharing contributions during the 2021 or 2020 Plan years.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's contributions, the QACA Safe Harbor employer contributions, an allocation of Plan earnings or losses, and administrative expenses. These allocations are based on the participant's eligible compensation and account balance. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)Investment options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct their contributions into any of the investment options offered by the Plan. Participants can change their investment allocation among the various investment options either through direct transfer from one option to another or by changing the percentage allocation of future contributions.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and the actual earnings thereon. Participants vest based on a 5-year graded vesting schedule for employer profit sharing and matching contributions and vest after two years for QACA Safe Harbor employer contributions. Participants or their beneficiaries shall be immediately vested in their accounts upon death, retirement, or total and permanent disability.

Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow up to the lesser of \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding note receivable balance in the participant's account during the prior 12-month period, or 50% of the vested balance of their accounts, without penalty, subject to IRC regulations. The minimum amount that a participant may borrow is \$1,000, with only one note outstanding at any time. Note terms are not to exceed five years, unless the note is used to acquire a principal residence, in which case, the Plan administrator may permit a longer repayment term. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a reasonable rate as determined by the Plan administrator.

Participant withdrawals

Upon termination of services due to death, disability, retirement, or other reasons, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount or installment payments. If the value of the participant's account is less than \$60, the payment will be made in cash in a single lump-sum. If the participant's account balance is more than \$60 but less than \$5,000 and the participant does not affirmatively consent to receive a distribution, the balance will be rolled into an individual retirement account established on behalf of the participant. Any taxable distribution paid directly to the participant will be subject to mandatory federal income tax withholding of 20% of the requested distribution.

Forfeitures

The Plan provides that nonvested portions of Company contributions, that are forfeited by terminated participants, are to be used to reduce future Company contributions and fees. Forfeitures of \$7,049 and \$18,036 were used to offset Company employer matching contributions during 2021 and 2020, respectively. Forfeitures of \$6,473 and \$0 were used to offset Plan fees during 2021 and 2020, respectively. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, there were \$31,520 and \$35,185, respectively, of forfeitures available for use.

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent 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 the Plan is terminated by the Company, all participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

Administrative expenses

All expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company except for certain transaction-related fees and commissions.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting PoliciesBasis of accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reflected at fair value in the financial statements. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 regarding fair value measurements.

The fixed income fund is valued at contract value. See Note 4 regarding investment in the fixed income fund.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The Plan recognizes net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of its investments. Unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments held at year-end is determined using the fair value at the beginning of the year or the purchase price if the investment is acquired during the year. The realized gain or loss on the sale of investments is determined using historical cost. Upon sale of an investment, the current year unrealized appreciation or depreciation is adjusted for unrealized gains and losses recognized in prior years. Unrealized appreciation or depreciation along with realized gains and losses are reported as net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Participant withdrawals

Participant withdrawals are recorded upon distribution.

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as distributions, based upon the terms of the *Plan Document*, upon liquidation of their account balance.

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)Financial instruments and credit risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Plan to credit risk include investments in a money market fund, pooled separate accounts, and a fixed income account. Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits. Plan participants bear the risk of any Plan investment losses.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management 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 these estimates.

Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements

The Plan uses a three-level hierarchy, in accordance with the fair value standard, that establishes a hierarchy for grouping assets and liabilities, based on the significance of inputs. The hierarchy of fair value measurements is described below:

- Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 - inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of these assets or liabilities; or
- Level 3 - unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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

The money market fund is valued daily using quoted market prices. The money market fund is measured at Level 1 as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Pooled separate accounts are valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of the units held by the Plan which are based on the quoted market prices of the underlying securities of the funds. All investments in this category have no unfunded commitments and no redemption restrictions. The investments underlying the pooled separate account primarily include domestic and international equities and domestic and international fixed income securities, common stocks, mutual funds, and cash or cash equivalents. Due to these investments being valued at NAV, they are not required to be included in the fair value hierarchy.

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

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

Note 4 - Investment in Fixed Account

The fixed account is an obligation of Voya's general account which supports all of Voya's insurance and annuity commitments. The fixed account is reported at contract value. It guarantees a minimum rate of interest and may credit interest that exceeds the minimum guaranteed rate. Interest is credited daily. The credited rate reflects a number of factors including mortality and expense risk, interest rate guarantees, the investment income earned on invested assets and amortization of any capital gains and/or losses realized on the sale of invested assets.

Voya assumes the risk of investment gain or loss by guaranteeing the principal amount allocated to the fixed account and promising a minimum interest rate during the accumulation period and throughout the annuity period, if applicable. Voya may impose limitations on the ability to move funds in and out of the fixed fund; therefore, the fixed account is not considered benefit responsive.

Note 5 - Tax Status

The volume submitter plan adopted by the Company received its latest favorable advisory letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") stated that the volume submitter plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the advisory letter, however, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and is being operating in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 6 - Information Certified by the Trustee

The financial information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule, except for the employer contributions receivable, contributions, participant withdrawals and administrative expenses, has been derived from information certified as complete and accurate by the Trustee in accordance with Section 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

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Note 7 - Party-in-Interest Transactions

Plan investments are managed by the Trustee. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 8 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31:

	2021	2020
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 8,356,712	\$ 6,885,829
Employer contributions receivable	-	(7,049)
Deemed distributed loans	(4,115)	(6,215)
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	\$ 8,352,597	\$ 6,872,565

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net income per Form 5500 for the year ended December 31:

	2021	2020
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 1,470,883	\$ 1,150,150
Change in employer contributions	7,049	18,403
Change in deemed distributed loans	2,100	(1,388)
Net income per Form 5500	\$ 1,480,032	\$ 1,167,165

Note 9 - Subsequent Events

The Plan was amended and restated effective January 1, 2022 in accordance with IRS guidelines (see Note 1). Service requirements for eligibility changed from 90 days to 30 days.

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 5, 2022, which was the date that the financial statements were available to be issued and has determined that there are no other subsequent events to be disclosed.

Supplemental Schedule

Whitestone REIT Retirement Savings Plan

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year
Employer Identification Number: 46-0524360 - Plan Number: 001

December 31, 2021

a	b	c	d	e
	Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current value
		Money Market Fund		
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Voya Government Money Market Fund A (Hold Acct)	**	\$ 31,520
		Pooled Separate Accounts		
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	American Funds American Balanced Fund - Class R6	**	588,986
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	American Funds EuroPacific Fund - Class R6	**	364,052
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	American Funds The Growth Fund of America - Class R6	**	541,374
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	American Funds Washington Mutual Fund - Class R6	**	389,987
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Columbia High Yield Bond Fund - Institutional 3 Class	**	84,180
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	DFA Inflation-Protected Securities Portfolio - Institutional Class	**	96,092
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	DFA Real Estate Securities Portfolio - Institutional Class	**	55,077
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Franklin Small Cap Value Fund - Class R6	**	115,169
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	JPMorgan Equity Income Fund - Class R6	**	724,618
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund - Class R6	**	207,889
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	JPMorgan Small Cap Growth Fund - Class R6	**	39,044
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard 500 Index Fund - Admiral Shares	**	942,920
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund - Admiral Shares	**	43,101
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral Shares	**	178,859
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund - Admiral Shares	**	89,508
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund - Investor Shares	**	5
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund - Investor Shares	**	53,274
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund - Investor Shares	**	283,070
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund - Investor Shares	**	628,132
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund - Investor Shares	**	1,113,122
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund - Investor Shares	**	142,059
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund - Investor Shares	**	224,286
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund - Investor Shares	**	207,912
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund - Investor Shares	**	98,804
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund - Investor Shares	**	73,611
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund - Investor Shares	**	14,666
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund - Investor Shares	**	1,502
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Victory Sycamore Established Value Fund - Class R6	**	84,978
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Voya Intermediate Bond Fund - Class R6	**	115,243
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Voya Mid Cap Growth Equity Fund - Class 8	**	280,849
		Fixed Income Fund		
*	Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company	Voya Fixed Account	**	455,058
*	Loans to Participants	Principal balances ranging up to \$18,840 accruing interest at 5.25% to 7.50% per annum, secured by participants' individual vested accrued benefits, maturing at various dates through July 2026.	-	87,765
*	Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.			
**	Cost omitted for participant-directed investments.			

Attachment to 2021 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets
(Held at End of Year)
WHITESTONE REIT RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
EIN#76-0594970
Plan#001
As Of 12/31/2021

(a) (b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investments including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity date	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
American Funds Am Balanced R6	Registered Investment Company		\$588,986
American Funds EuroPacific R6	Registered Investment Company		\$364,052
American Funds Growth Fnd R6	Registered Investment Company		\$541,374
American Funds Wash Mtual R6	Registered Investment Company		\$389,987
Columbia High Yield Bond Fd I3	Registered Investment Company		\$84,180
DFA Infl-Prot Sec Port Ins	Registered Investment Company		\$96,092
DFA Real Estate Secs Port Ins	Registered Investment Company		\$55,077
Franklin Sm Cap Value Fnd R6	Registered Investment Company		\$115,169
JPMorgan Equity Income Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$724,618
JPMorgan LgCp Grw Fnd R6	Registered Investment Company		\$207,889
JPMorgan SmCp Growth Fnd R6	Registered Investment Company		\$39,044
Vangrd 500 Index Fund Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$942,920
Vangrd Em Mkts Stk Ind Fd Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$43,101
Vangrd Mid-Cap Index Fund Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$178,859
Vangrd Small-Cap Index Fnd Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$89,508
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2015 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$6
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2020 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$53,274
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2025 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$283,070
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2030 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$628,132
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2035 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$1,113,122
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2040 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$142,059
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2045 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$224,286
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2050 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$207,912
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2055 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$98,804
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2060 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$73,611
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2065 Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$14,666
Vangrd Trgt Retire Inc Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$1,502
Victory Sycmr Est VI Fd R6	Registered Investment Company		\$84,978
* Voya Fixed Account (4450)	Insurance Company General Account		\$455,058
* Voya Gv Mny Mkt F A (Hld Acct)	Registered Investment Company		\$31,520
* Voya Intermediate Bond Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$115,243
* Voya Mid-Cap Growth Eqty Fd 8	Registered Investment Company		\$280,849
Participant Loans	Rates: 5.25% to 7.50%		\$83,650
TOTAL			<u>\$8,352,597</u>

* denotes party-in-interest

Column (d) is not required as the Plan's investments are totally participant directed.