

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>HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN</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>HIGHTOWER HOLDING, LLC</u> <u>200 WEST MADISON STREET</u> <u>SUITE 2500</u> <u>CHICAGO, IL 60606</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>07/01/2008</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-2270729</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>312-962-3829</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>523900</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>07/01/2008</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-2270729</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>312-962-3829</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>523900</u>	
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2d Business code (see instructions) <u>523900</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.	10/12/2022	DAN WATANAPONGSE
	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	940
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)	940
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	1042
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	3
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	153
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	1198
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	1198
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	1051
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	58
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2021
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HIGHTOWER HOLDING, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-2270729	

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?
12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	RECORD KEEPER	5948	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(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?
33 71	SECURITIES BROKER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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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
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	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 333 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE 18TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90071	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	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.	
FEDERATED HERMES 30 DAN ROAD CANTON, MA 02021	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
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GOLDMAN SACHS 3414 PEACHTREE ROAD NE SUITE 600 ATLANTA, GA 30326	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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INVESCO 11 GREENWAY PLAZA SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
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LOOMIS SAYLES ONE FINANCIAL CENTER BOSTON, MA 02111	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
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MASS MUTUAL 1295 STATE STREET SPRINGFIELD, MA 01111	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

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NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
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THRIVENT 600 PORTLAND AVENUE S SUITE 100 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	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.	
VICTORY 3435 STELZER RD COLUMBUS, OH 43219	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
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WESTERN ASSET MGMT 55 WATER STREET NEW YORK, NY 10041	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

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:	RSM US LLP	b EIN:	42-0714325
c Position:	AUDITOR		
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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A Name of plan HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HIGHTOWER HOLDING, LLC				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-2270729	
Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RELIANCE METLIFE STABLE 25157 CL 0					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): METLIFE					
c EIN-PN 46-6625485-001		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3596510	
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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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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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 HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HIGHTOWER HOLDING, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-2270729	

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)	0	3102
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0	46301
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	2202
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)	772402	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	0	822015
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	3596510
(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)	0	93933676
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	65935428	0

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	66707830	98403806

Liabilities

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

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	66707830	98403806
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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)	3459225	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	12052411	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	7920044	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		23431680
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)	43440	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		43440
(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)	1726627	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1726627
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		60002
(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)		10488063
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		35749812
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	4122149	
(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)		4122149
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		9076
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		18135
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)	5948	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		5948
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		4155308
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		31594504
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		101472
(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: PRICEKUBECKA, PLLC

(2) EIN: 75-2783674

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		10000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m	X		
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n	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 HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HIGHTOWER HOLDING, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-2270729

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 41-0417830 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)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
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 _____

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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 _____

**Hightower 401(k) Plan
Audited Financial Statements
and
Supplementary Data**

December 31, 2021 and 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Hightower 401(k) Plan
200 West Madison Street, Suite 2500
Chicago, IL 60606

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Hightower 401(k) 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 statements 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 December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Hightower 401(k) 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 Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

- the information in the accompanying 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

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Hightower 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hightower 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements were 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 Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hightower 401(k) 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 Hightower 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

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

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor'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 Department of Labor'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 – Auditor's Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2020 financial statements of Hightower 401(k) Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed the predecessor auditors not to perform and they did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In their report dated August 16, 2022, they indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that they did not audit, they were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, they 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

PriceKubecka, PLLC

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Addison, Texas

October 12, 2022

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

Assets			
		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Due from broker	\$	-	\$ 65,935,428
Investments at fair value		97,530,186	-
Receivables:			
Employer contributions		688,779	525,446
Participant contributions		46,301	332,204
Other contributions		2,202	-
Notes receivable from participants		<u>822,015</u>	<u>772,402</u>
Total receivables		<u>1,559,297</u>	<u>1,630,052</u>
Total Assets		<u>99,089,483</u>	<u>67,565,480</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$	<u>99,089,483</u>	\$ <u>67,565,480</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

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

Additions to Net Assets:	<u>2021</u>
Investment income (loss):	
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 10,548,065
Dividends	<u>1,726,627</u>
Total investment income (loss)	12,274,692
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	43,440
Contributions:	
Participants	11,720,207
Employer	3,619,456
Rollover	<u>8,021,516</u>
Total Contributions	<u>23,361,179</u>
Total Additions	35,679,311
Deductions from Net Assets:	
Benefits paid to participants	4,149,360
Administrative expenses	<u>5,948</u>
Total Deductions	<u>4,155,308</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	31,524,003
Net Assets Available for Benefits - Beginning of Year	<u>67,565,480</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 99,089,483</u></u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

**Hightower 401(k) Plan
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Note 1 – Description of Plan

The following description of Hightower 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement or Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established by HighTower Holding, LLC (the Plan Sponsor and Company) under the provisions of Section 401(a) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (the IRC), which includes a qualified cash or deferred arrangement as described in section 401(k) of the IRC, for the benefit of eligible employees of the Company and any adopting participating employers. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) as well as certain provisions of the federal income tax laws.

The plan changed its custodian and recordkeeper from Minnesota Life Insurance Company to Transamerica Retirement Solutions, LLC effective January 1, 2021. On December 31, 2020, participant investments were liquidated, resulting in a Due from Broker as an unsettled transaction on the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2020 in preparation of the conversion to a new custodian. On January 4, 2021 and January 5, 2021, participant funds were automatically rolled into Transamerica Retirement Solutions, LLC from Minnesota Life Insurance Company, resulting in the completed transfer between custodians of \$65,935,428.

All employees of the Company and any participating affiliates are subject to the following eligibility requirements:

- Age: 21
- Service: 0 months
- Status Exclusions:
 - a. Members of collective bargaining agreement
 - b. Non-resident aliens with no U.S. earned income
 - c. Part-time or seasonal employees

Upon satisfying the eligibility requirements, employees may participate in the Plan on the first day of next month.

Contributions

The Plan is funded through employee elective deferrals and Company contributions. Each year, participants may elect to contribute a portion of their compensation, subject to certain maximum limitations imposed by Section 402(g) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). At the discretion of the plan administrator, participants may be permitted to deposit or "roll over" into the Plan, distributions they have received from other plans and certain IRAs. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

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The following contribution types are allowed by the plan:

- Elective deferrals
- Roth deferrals
- Employer matching
- Rollover contributions
- Employer profit sharing

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Company may make discretionary matching contributions which will be allocated in accordance with the plan document provisions. For 2021, the Company authorized a discretionary matching contribution of 50% on the first 6% of compensation deferred by the employee.

The Company may make discretionary profit-sharing contributions which will be allocated in accordance with the plan document provisions. Participants must be employed on the last day of the plan year or have earned 501 hours of service to be eligible to receive discretionary profit-sharing contributions. For 2021, the Company did not authorize any such contributions.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, allocation of the Company's contributions, and Plan earnings or losses and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations may be charged based on either the size of the participant's account balance or equally to each participant. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately 100% vested in their elective deferrals including catch-up contributions, rollover contributions from other plans, and actual earnings thereon. The method for crediting vesting service for company matching and profit-sharing contributions is based on vesting periods of service. Participants are credited with a period of service for 1000 hours earned. Participants are always 100% vested in their company matching and profit-sharing contributions if they are employed on or after their Normal Retirement Age or if they terminate employment on account of their death or disability.

<u>Service Years</u>	<u>Matching</u>	<u>Profit Sharing</u>
<1	0%	0%
1	25%	25%
2	50%	50%
3	75%	75%
>4	100%	100%

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Forfeited Accounts

Forfeitures represent unvested portions of terminated participants' accounts. The Plan allows forfeitures of non-vested Company contributions to be used in the following ways:

- Pay Administrative Expenses
- Restore Eligible Rehire Forfeiture Account Balance
- Reduce Company Contributions

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$30,919 and \$50,552, respectively. During 2021, forfeited non-vested accounts of \$255,223 were used.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct the contributions made to the Plan, for or on behalf of the participant, to any one or more of the investment funds determined at the discretion of the Plan Administrator and Plan Sponsor and in such multiples as the participant prescribes. A participant may change his or her investment direction with respect to future contributions or redirect the investment of his or her account balances.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants who are active employees may borrow against their vested account balances a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000. The loans, in the form of promissory notes, are secured by the balances in the participant's account, and bear interest at reasonable rates, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions and generally repaid within 5 years.

Benefits Paid to Participants

Upon termination of service, disability, or retirement, a participant is entitled to receive a distribution equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Distribution of a deceased participant's account will be made to the designated beneficiary.

The following types of distributions are allowed by the plan:

- In Service
- Rollover from qualified plan
- Involuntary cash-outs
- Hardship

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Plan Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the plan document. Expenses paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation/depreciation of fair value of investments.

Termination of the Plan

Although the Company intends to maintain the Plan indefinitely, the Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. Upon termination, no further contributions will be made to the Plan and all amounts credited to the participant's account will become 100% vested. The Company will direct the distribution of the participant's account in a manner permitted by the Plan as soon as practicable.

CARES Act

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act allows certain eligible individuals to receive coronavirus-related relief for loan repayment, suspend required minimum distributions, delay the commencement date for required minimum distributions, and take a coronavirus-related distribution up to \$100,000 from the Plan beginning on or after January 1, 2020 and before December 31, 2020. The Plan adopted the temporary provisions of the CARES Act.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

Preparing the Plan's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassification

Certain reclassifications may have been made to the 2020 financial statement presentation to correspond to the current year's format. Total net assets available for benefits are unchanged due to these reclassifications.

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements. Interest and other income are recorded on the accrual basis. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on the trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The net appreciation (depreciation) of investments, including realized gains and losses on sales during the year and current changes in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the market value of investments held at year end, is presented in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 and 2020. If a participant ceases to make scheduled repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant note receivable to be in default, the participant note receivable balance is reduced and a benefit payment recorded.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 12, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 – Certified Investments

Certain information summarized below related to the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by State Street Bank and Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan.

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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Investment values certified	\$ <u>97,530,186</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Notes receivable from participants certified	\$ <u>822,015</u>	\$ <u>772,402</u>

Year ended December 31, 2021

Investment income certified:	
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ <u>10,548,065</u>
Dividends	\$ <u>1,726,627</u>
Interest on notes receivable from participants certified	\$ <u>43,440</u>

Effective January 1, 2021, the plan changed custodians and related service provider from Minnesota Life Insurance Company to Transamerica Retirement Solutions, LLC.

Note 4 – Fair Value Measurements

The Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC Topic 820 are described as follows:

- Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
 - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There are three general valuation techniques that may be used to measure fair value, as described below:

- A) Market approach – Uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. Prices may be indicated by pricing guides, sale transactions, market trades, or other sources;
- B) Cost approach – Based on the amount that currently would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement cost); and
- C) Income approach – Uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts to a single present amount based on current market expectations about the future amounts (includes present value techniques and option-pricing models). Net present value is an income approach where a stream of expected cash flows is discounted at an appropriate market interest rate.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value, including the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Common Collective Trust Funds

Common collective trust funds are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units held by the Plan at year end. The NAV is determined by the custodian of the fund and is based upon the fair value of the underlying assets held by the fund. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

Mutual Funds

Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year end based on quoted market prices.

Money market Fund

Money market funds are valued at the fair value of shares held by the Plan at year end based on quoted market prices.

Below are the Plan's financial instruments carried at fair value on a recurring basis by the FASB ASC 820-10 fair value hierarchy levels:

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	<u>2021</u>
Level 1	
Money market fund	\$ 31,991
Mutual funds	93,901,685
Level 2	-
Level 3	-
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	<u>93,933,676</u>
Investments measured at net asset value	<u>3,596,510</u>
 Total investments at fair value	 \$ <u>97,530,186</u>
	 <u>2021</u>
Common collective trusts	
Fair value	\$ <u>3,596,510</u>
Unfunded commitment	\$ -
Redemption frequency	Daily
Redemption notice period	None

Gains and losses realized and unrealized, for the year ended December 31, 2021 are reported under net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Note 5 – Related Party Transactions and Transactions with Parties-in-Interest

A related party is any party who can control or significantly influence Plan management or operating policies. Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL Regulations as any employees of the Plan, fiduciaries of the Plan, service providers to the Plan, the employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, and certain significant owners of the employer and their relatives. Service providers may include, but are not limited to, the custodian, trustee, third party administrator (the TPA), investment managers, investment advisors, legal counsel, and Plan auditor.

During 2021, the Plan made direct payments of \$5,948 to certain parties-in-interest for administration and investment advisory fees, as allowed by ERISA. The Plan sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the operation of the Plan.

Fees incurred by the plan for the investment management services are included in the net appreciation in fair value of the related investment, as they are paid using investment earnings rather than a direct payment.

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Note 6 – Prohibited Transactions

As required by ERISA Section 2510.3-102, the Plan sponsor is required to segregate employee contributions to the Plan from its general assets as soon as practicable. Due to various issues in 2019, 2020 and 2021, numerous contributions were not remitted timely. Total contributions for the affected pay periods were \$1,729,985, all of which represented employee salary deferrals. These contributions are considered prohibited transactions.

The Company will calculate lost investment earnings and file Form 5330, as applicable, and expects to compensate the plan for the lost earnings in 2022.

Note 7 – 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. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is, at least, reasonably possible that changes in 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

Note 8 – Tax Status

The Plan sponsor adopted a prototype non-standardized profit sharing plan with a cash or deferral arrangement which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated June 20, 2020, which states that the Plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is, therefore, not subject to tax under present income tax law. The Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the Plan's qualified status.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate 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 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. 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. Generally, the statute of limitations for the IRS to assess taxes on a plan expires three (3) years from the due date of the return or the date on which it was filed, whichever is later.

Note 9 – Reconciliation to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits between the financial statements and Form 5500 as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 99,089,483	\$ 67,565,480
Less: Contributions receivable	(685,677)	-
Add: Non-interest bearing cash	-	65,935,428
Less: Due from broker	-	(65,935,428)
Less: Participant contribution receivable	-	(332,204)
Less: Company matching contribution receivable	-	(525,446)
Add: Investments - participant loans	-	772,402
Less: Receivables - notes receivable from participants	-	(772,402)
Net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 98,403,806</u>	<u>\$ 66,707,830</u>

The following is a reconciliation of contributions between the financial statements and Form 5500 as of December 31, 2021:

	<u>2021</u>
Contributions per the financial statements	\$ 23,361,179
Add: Participant contribution receivables, beginning of year	332,204
Less: Employer contribution receivables, end of year	(685,677)
Add: Employer contribution receivables, beginning of year	525,446
Less: Other rollovers, end of year	(101,472)
Total contributions per Form 5500	<u>\$ 23,431,680</u>

Hightower 401(k) Plan
EIN 26-2270729 Plan # 001
Exhibit A – Form 5500, Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2021

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Maturity Date, Rate, Collateral, Value	(d) Cost	(d) Current Value
	State Street Instl US Govt Money Market	Money Market Fund	\$	31,991
	American Century Small Cap Value R6	Mutual Fund		988,962
	American Funds American Balanced R6	Mutual Fund		1,510,688
	American Funds Europacific Gr R6	Mutual Fund		5,856,146
	Doubleline Core Fixed Income I	Mutual Fund		1,254,185
	Federated Hermes Mdt Sm Cap Core Inst	Mutual Fund		2,807,280
	Fidelity Real Estate Index	Mutual Fund		1,505,624
	Invesco Developing Markets Y	Mutual Fund		3,975,859
	John Hancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap	Mutual Fund		2,109,405
	JP Morgan Equity Income R6	Mutual Fund		4,069,602
	Loomis Sayles Global Bond Instl	Mutual Fund		308,846
	Lord Abbett Short Duration Income R6	Mutual Fund		1,404,950
	Massmutual Mid Cap Growth R5	Mutual Fund		2,147,967
	Pimco Real Return Instl	Mutual Fund		1,392,281
	Pimco Stocksplus Small Institutional	Mutual Fund		2,274,805
	T. Rowe Price Large Cap Growth	Mutual Fund		12,366,486
	Thrivent Mid Cap Stock S	Mutual Fund		1,806,800
	Vanguard Institutional Index	Mutual Fund		19,437,551
	Vanguard Lifestrategy Cnsrv Gr Inv	Mutual Fund		465,529
	Vanguard Lifestrategy Growth Inv	Mutual Fund		2,534,860
	Vanguard Lifestrategy moderate Gr inv	Mutual Fund		392,924
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Inv	Mutual Fund		65,128
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Inv	Mutual Fund		1,247,046
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inv	Mutual Fund		2,788,926
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Inv	Mutual Fund		3,715,490
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Inv	Mutual Fund		3,538,814
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Inv	Mutual Fund		1,819,608
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Inv	Mutual Fund		4,443,378
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Inv	Mutual Fund		6,349,735
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Inv	Mutual Fund		304,347

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Maturity Date, Rate, Collateral, Value	(d) Cost	(d) Current Value
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Inv	Mutual Fund	\$	227,517
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Inv	Mutual Fund		333,085
	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv	Mutual Fund		351,975
	Western Asset Core Bond I	Mutual Fund		105,886
	Reliance/Metlife Stable 25157 Class 0	Common Collective Trust		3,596,510
*	Notes receivable from participants	Bearing interest at 4.25%-7.66%	-	822,015
	Total assets held at end of year		\$	<u>98,352,201</u>

* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

** Not required for participant-directed transactions under an individual account plan

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Exhibit B – Form 5500, Schedule H, line 4a,
Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan \$ 1,729,985	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions \$ 1,729,985			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: []	Contributions Not Corrected \$ 1,370,004	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP \$ 359,981	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	

Year	Late Contributions
2021	\$ 1,370,004
2020	\$ 332,204
2019	\$ 27,777
	<u>\$ 1,729,985</u>

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Schedule C, Line 2(h) Formula Descriptions

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Indirect Compensation in the form of revenue sharing was paid to the following Service Providers:

NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES 04-3523567

Revenue amounts are shown in annualized basis points of plan assets invested in applicable fund

Fund Family	Fund Name	Start Date	End Date	Revenue to National Financial Services
DOUBLELINE	DOUBLELINE CORE FIXED INCOME I	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.450
FEDERATED HERMES	FEDERATED HERMES MDT SM CAP CORE INST	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	1.050
GOLDMAN SACHS	GOLDMAN SACHS SMALL CAP VALUE INVESTOR	1/1/2021	11/11/2021	0.900
INVESCO	INVESCO DEVELOPING MARKETS Y	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.750
INVESCO	INVESCO DIVERSIFIED DIVIDEND	1/1/2021	11/11/2021	1.050
LOOMIS SAYLES	LOOMIS SAYLES GLOBAL BOND INSTL	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.600
MASS MUTUAL	MASSMUTUAL MID CAP GROWTH R5	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.450
THRIVENT	THRIVENT MID CAP STOCK S	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.360
VICTORY	VICTORY INTEGRITY SMALL CP VAL	1/1/2021	11/11/2021	0.750
WESTERN ASSET MGMT	WESTERN ASSET CORE BD I	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.300

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Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2021

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	American Century	American Century Small Cap Value R6	\$ 988,962
	American Funds	American Funds American Balanced R6	\$ 1,510,688
	American Funds	American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6	\$ 5,856,146
	Doubleline	DoubleLine Core Fixed Income I	\$ 1,254,185
	Federated	Federated Hermes MDT Sm cp Core IS	\$ 2,807,280
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	Pimco	PIMCO StocksPLUS Small Inst	\$ 2,274,805
	State Street	State Street Instl US Govt Money Market Premier	\$ 31,991
	T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Lrg Cp Gr I	\$ 12,366,486
	Thrivent	Thrivent Mid Cap Stock S	\$ 1,806,800
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	Vanguard	Vanguard LifeStrategy Consv Gr	\$ 465,529
	Vanguard	Vanguard LifeStrategy Growth	\$ 2,534,860
	Vanguard	Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Gr	\$ 392,924
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	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	\$ 227,517
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Inv	\$ 333,085
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement Income	\$ 351,975
	Legg Mason/Western Asset	Western Asset Core Bond I	\$ 105,886
		Mutual Funds Total	\$ 93,933,676
	Metlife	Reliance/MetLife Stable 25157 CI 0	\$ 3,596,510
		Collective Trust Total	\$ 3,596,510
*	Participants	Notes Receivable with interest rates of 4.25% to 7.66%	\$ 822,015
		TOTAL PLAN ASSETS	\$ 98,352,201

* Indicates Party-In-Interest to the Plan