

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>BASF CORPORATION 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>004</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2007</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>16-1090809</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>973-245-6000</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>325100</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>004</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2007</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>16-1090809</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>973-245-6000</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>325100</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>BASF CORPORATION</u> <u>100 PARK AVENUE</u> <u>FLORHAM PARK, NJ 07932</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.	10/13/2022	MARY JAKUBOWSKI
	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	20113
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)	13511
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	13152
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	671
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	6308
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	20131
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	76
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	20207
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	19598
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	361
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 3H			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ <u>0</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☐ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021					
A Name of plan BASF CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BASF CORPORATION				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 16-1090809	
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: BASF CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN MT					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BASF CORPORATION					
c EIN-PN 84-5171020-102		d Entity code M		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6820227173	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BASF CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 16-1090809	

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)	10195908	30496870
(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)	70283793	62960052
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	6321512110	6820227173
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

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	6401991811	6913684095

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	6401991811	6913684095
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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)	172890879	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	178401833	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	17305750	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		368598462
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(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)	2939837	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		2939837
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(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)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		789709515
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1161247814
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	649328351	
(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)		649328351
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		3959
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		286809
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)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		649619119
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		511628695
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		63589
(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: COHNREZNICK LLP

(2) EIN: 22-1478099

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?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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

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

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

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

A Name of plan <u>BASF CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>004</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>BASF CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>16-1090809</u>

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	<u>0</u>
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): <u>04-6568107</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

14a

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

14b

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

14c

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

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

15a

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

15b

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

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

16a

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

16b

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

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

**BASF CORPORATION
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

Financial Statements

(with Supplemental Information)

and Independent Auditor's Report

December 31, 2021 and 2020

BASF CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

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Independent Auditor's Report

BASF Corporation as Plan Administrator of the
BASF Corporation 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 financial statements of BASF Corporation 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)"). 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 ("2021 Financial Statements").

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 Financial Statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 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 and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 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 *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements* section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 Financial Statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the accompanying 2021 Financial Statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our 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 2021 Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for 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 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 significant likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 Financial Statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matters

2021 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is 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 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor'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).

Auditor's 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 Department of Labor'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 October 1, 2021, except for the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits, Statement of Changes In Net Assets Available for Benefits, Master Trust paragraph in Note 1, Note 5, Note 6, Note 7, Note 11 and Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as to which the date is February 2, 2022, 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 (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.



Parsippany, New Jersey
September 28, 2022

BASF CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2021 and 2020

(Dollars in thousands, except for Note 1)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assets:		
Investments in BASF Corporation Savings Plan Master Trust:		
Investments at fair value	\$ 5,922,719	\$ 5,328,088
BASF Stable Value Fund at contract value	<u>897,508</u>	<u>993,424</u>
Investments in BASF Corporation Savings Plan Master Trust	<u>6,820,227</u>	<u>6,321,512</u>
Receivables		
Employer contributions receivable	30,497	10,196
Notes receivable from participants	<u>62,960</u>	<u>70,284</u>
Total receivables	<u>93,457</u>	<u>80,480</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 6,913,684</u>	<u>\$ 6,401,992</u>

BASF CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

(Dollars in thousands, except for Note 1)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Additions:		
Net investment income from BASF Corporation Savings Plan Master Trust \$	790,942	\$ 1,331,724
Net investment loss:		
Dividends and interest income	—	11,679
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	—	(539,197)
Total net investment loss	—	(527,518)
Contributions:		
Participants	178,402	184,263
Employer	172,891	155,971
Rollovers	17,305	21,884
Total contributions	368,598	362,118
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	2,940	3,087
Total additions	1,162,480	1,169,411
Deductions:		
Benefits paid to participants	649,619	545,342
Administrative expenses	1,233	1,386
Total deductions	650,852	546,728
Increase in net assets available for benefits before transfers	511,628	622,683
Transfer from BASF Corporation Bargaining Unit Savings Plan	64	—
Transfer to BASF Corporation Bargaining Unit Savings Plan	—	(10)
Transfer to Master Builders Solutions US LLC Retirement Savings Plan	—	(190,313)
Total transfers	64	(190,323)
Net increase	511,692	432,360
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	6,401,992	5,969,632
End of year	\$ <u>6,913,684</u>	\$ <u>6,401,992</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BASF CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2021 and 2020

(Dollars in thousands, except for Note 1)

(1) Description of the Plan

The following description of the BASF Corporation Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description and Plan Document for a more complete description of the provisions of the Plan and detailed definitions of various Plan terms.

BASF Corporation (the Company or the Sponsor) administers the Plan through its Pension and Savings Plan Committee (the Plan Administrator) under the authority of the Pension and Benefits Committee of the Sponsor's Board of Directors.

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan providing benefits to the Sponsor's eligible employees. Employees become eligible to participate immediately upon commencing employment with the Sponsor. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan became effective January 1, 2007.

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Sponsor reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan at any time. If the Plan were terminated, participants would be paid their vested account balances.

Beginning in 2014, a participant in another qualified plan sponsored by the Company (the Predecessor Plan) who transfers to a new position within the Company or one of its affiliates that is not covered by that plan may become eligible to participate in the Plan or any other qualified pension plan maintained by the Company or affiliate. Such actively employed participants are permitted to initiate a loan, subject to review and approval from the Company, based on the sum total of their account balances in the plans in which they have been participants. In those instances, the participants' entire account balance in the Predecessor Plan will be transferred into the Plan. In 2021, transfers from the BASF Corporation Bargaining Unit Savings Plan comprised \$63,589 in investments. In 2020, \$185,180,505 in investments and \$5,132,739 of participant loans were transferred from the Plan to the Master Builders Solutions US LLC Retirement Savings Plan. In 2020, transfers to the BASF Corporation Bargaining Unit Savings Plan comprised \$10,196 in investments.

(b) Participant Contributions

Participant contributions can consist of pre-tax contributions, which reduce the participant's taxable compensation, after-tax contributions, which do not reduce a participant's taxable compensation, or rollovers, which are transfers from other qualified retirement plans.

Participants may elect to contribute, through payroll deductions, between 1% and 50% of their compensation on a pre-tax, Roth and/or after-tax basis. The dollar amount of a participant's contributions cannot exceed certain Plan and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limits. Participants

BASF CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

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direct how monies contributed are invested. Eligible compensation is defined as W-2 earnings (subject to certain adjustments), not to exceed \$290,000 and \$285,000, effective for 2021 and 2020, respectively, as adjusted by the IRS. For purposes of the Plan, compensation means base pay (before any reductions for before-tax contributions to the Plan or any other Sponsor plan) plus overtime, commissions, cash performance awards, shift differentials and bonuses as described in the Plan. Pre-tax contributions were limited by the IRS to \$19,500 for 2021 and 2020. As a result of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act, participants who attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are limited to pre-tax contributions of \$26,000 effective for 2021 and 2020. These limits will be subject to change in future years to be consistent with IRS limits.

The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 5% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated default investment fund until changed by the participant.

Additionally, participants may make rollover contributions to the Plan. A rollover contribution is a transfer from another tax qualified plan such as qualified retirement plans, individual retirement accounts or annuities, eligible government retirement plans or certain annuity contracts.

Effective August 1, 2018, each participant enrolled in the Plan may elect that their contribution percentage for before-tax, after-tax, Roth and catch-up contributions will be automatically increased each Plan year by a specified amount subject to limitations imposed by the Plan and the Code.

(c) Other

Effective April 1, 2020, certain assets and liabilities were transferred from the BASF Corporation Retirement Savings Plan to the Master Builders Solutions US LLC Retirement Savings Plan under a divestiture.

Due to COVID-19, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was enacted in 2020. Portions of the CARES Act make changes to existing law relating to the amount and circumstances permitting penalty-free distributions. Special provisions were adopted

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by the Plan; the CARES Act Loan provisions, which increased the loan amounts available to \$100,000 or 100% of participant's balance, expanded the number of loans permitted from two to three and allowed loan repayment deferments through December 31, 2020 and the CARES Act Distribution provisions (up to \$100,000 penalty free). The higher loan amounts and the increased number of loans expired on September 22, 2020 and have returned to those outlined in the Plan Document.

(d) Master Trust

The assets of the Plan, along with the assets of the BASF Corporation Bargaining Unit Savings Plan (the CBU), are invested in the BASF Corporation Savings Plan Master Trust (the Master Trust), which was established on May 1, 2020, for which the trustee is Fidelity (the Trustee). The Plan and the CBU are the only participating plans in the Master Trust.

(e) Sponsor Contributions

Effective January 1, 2010, the Sponsor contribution for the employee equals 100% of a participant's contribution up to a maximum of 5% of the participant's eligible compensation. The Sponsor also makes a non-elective maximum contribution of 5% of the participant's eligible compensation.

(f) 415 Limitation

Under Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code), the annual additions to a participant's account under the Plan (plus annual additions to any other qualified defined contribution plan in which he or she participates) may not exceed \$58,000 and \$57,000 for 2021 and 2020, respectively, or the lesser of 100% of covered compensation. To meet this limitation, the Plan may be required to refund after-tax, pre-tax or Sponsor contributions, in that order, that had previously been made.

(g) Vesting

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Sponsor's contribution and (b) Plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions, as well as the Sponsor's matching contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon. A participant becomes fully vested in the Sponsor's contributions of 5% of compensation after a period of three years.

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(h) Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may apply to the Plan Administrator to borrow from the Plan up to one-half of the value of the participant's vested account balance, but not more than \$50,000. Loans are evidenced by promissory notes and are repayable through payroll deductions over a period of up to 60 months for general purpose loans, and 360 months for loans used for the purchase of primary residences. Loans are repayable immediately (within 60 days) upon termination of the participant's employment. These loans have maturity dates that range from January 2022 to December 2041 and interest rates ranging from 3.25% to 9.25%.

(i) Distribution - Termination and Retirement

On termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, benefits are paid in the following manner:

- Accounts of \$1,000 or less: Participant receives an immediate lump-sum payment.
- Retirement or Disability: Participant may elect to receive an immediate lump-sum payment, payments in installment form, or defer payments until age 72.
- Severance from Service: Participant may receive a lump-sum payment or defer payments until age 72.

(j) Forfeited Plan

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$337,386 and \$336,787, respectively. Forfeited non-vested accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. Employer contributions were reduced by \$2,147,763 and \$1,816,298 from forfeited non-vested accounts during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

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

Investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of the Plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms

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of the Plan. The Plan invests in investment contracts through insurance contracts.

(b) Valuation of Investments

The Plan's and Master Trust's investments are stated at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value), which has been determined based on the fair value of the underlying investments. Fair value is the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid when transferring a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 6 "Fair Value Measurements" for discussion of fair value measurements.

(c) Security Transactions

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. The Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased or sold or held during the year are included in net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments.

(d) Investment Income

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date; interest income is recorded as earned on the accrual basis.

(e) Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan and Master Trust invest in various types of investment securities including common/collective trusts, mutual funds and insurance contracts. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest-rate risk, credit risk and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and those changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

In early 2020, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) emerged globally. As a result, events have occurred domestically in the United States and globally, including mandates from federal, state and local authorities, leading to an overall decline in economic activity. The continuation of the effects of COVID-19 could result in significant disruption of global financial markets; however, the ultimate impact of COVID-19 on the financial performance of the Plan's investments cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

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(f) 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 expense and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 or 2020.

(g) Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

(h) Administrative Fees

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments.

(i) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires the Plan Sponsor to make estimates, assumptions and valuations that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying footnotes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(j) Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 28, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(3) Federal Income Tax Status

The IRS has determined and informed the Sponsor by letter dated July 27, 2017, that the Plan and the related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. The Plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the Code. Accordingly, the Plan's financial statements do not include a provision for income taxes.

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(4) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts

The Plan and Master Trust hold a portfolio of investment contracts that comprises a portfolio of synthetic investment contracts. These contracts meet the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and, therefore, are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under each contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

A synthetic investment contract includes a wrapper contract, which is an agreement for the wrap issuer, such as a bank or insurance company, to make payments to the Plan in certain circumstances. The wrapper contract typically includes certain conditions and limitations on the underlying assets owned by the Plan. With traditional investment contracts, the Plan owns only the contract itself. Synthetic investment contracts are designed to accrue interest based on crediting rates established by the contract issuers.

The synthetic investment contracts held by the Plan include wrapper contracts that provide a guarantee that the crediting rate will not fall below 0%. Cash flow volatility (for example, timing of benefit payments), as well as asset underperformance, can be passed through to the Plan through adjustments to future contract crediting rates. Formulas are provided in each contract that adjust renewal crediting rates to recognize the difference between the fair value and the book value of the underlying assets. Crediting rates are reviewed monthly for resetting.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the Code
2. Premature termination of the contracts
3. Plan termination or merger
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options
5. Bankruptcy of the Plan Sponsor or other Plan Sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

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In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract
3. A material misrepresentation
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer

(5) Interest in the Master Trust

As described in Note 1, the Master Trust was established to hold the assets of the Plan and the CBU. The Plan and the CBU are the only participating plans in the Master Trust. Each participating plan has a divided interest in the Master Trust. The value of the Plan's interest in the Master Trust is based on the beginning of the period value of the Plan's interest in the trust plus actual contributions and allocated investment income less actual distributions and allocated administrative expenses. Investment income and administrative expenses relating to the Master Trust are allocated to the individual plans based upon average monthly balances invested by each plan. In accordance with GAAP, the net change in value from participation in the Master Trust is reported as one line item in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Plan's total interest in the Master Trust is reported as a single line item in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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Information regarding the commingled assets of the Master Trust and the Plan's interest in the Master Trust as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, is summarized as follows:

		Plan's interest in Master Trust		Plan's interest in Master Trust
	2021		2020	
Investments:				
Common/collective trusts	\$ 3,503,397	\$ 3,308,715	\$ 3,075,535	\$ 2,904,257
Mutual funds	1,907,710	1,851,611	1,732,944	1,678,476
Common Stock	684,760	655,541	661,795	634,623
BASF Stable Value Fund	953,324	896,115	1,051,317	993,946
Corporate Debt Instruments	55,880	54,870	63,780	62,518
U.S. Government Securities	54,803	53,812	67,138	65,810
Money Market/Interest Bearing Cash	4,174	4,045	5,996	5,816
Other	4,570	4,487	7,247	7,104
Total investments	7,168,618	6,829,196	6,665,752	6,352,550
Cash	1,118	1,094	39	38
Other receivables	17,264	16,901	168,831	165,458
Other liabilities	(27,462)	(26,964)	(200,592)	(196,534)
Total	\$ <u>7,159,538</u>	\$ <u>6,820,227</u>	\$ <u>6,634,030</u>	\$ <u>6,321,512</u>

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The following are the changes in net assets for the Master Trust for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 638,108	\$ 1,268,277
Interest and dividends	<u>190,206</u>	<u>124,969</u>
Net investments gain	828,314	1,393,246
Administrative and investment expenses	(1,293)	(1,285)
Net transfers	<u>(301,513)</u>	<u>5,242,069</u>
Net increase	525,508	6,634,030
Net assets available to participating plans, beginning of year	<u>6,634,030</u>	<u>—</u>
Net assets available to participating plans, end of year	\$ <u>7,159,538</u>	\$ <u>6,634,030</u>

(6) Fair Value Measurements

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

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs.
- Level 2 Observable prices that are based on inputs not quoted on active markets, but corroborated by market data.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available which is significant to the fair value measurement. The fair value hierarchy gives the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

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In determining fair value, the Plan and Master Trust utilize valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible, as well as considering counterparty credit risk in its assessment of fair value. Assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for determining an asset's fair value. There have been no changes from prior years in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

- *Mutual Funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.
- *Common/Collective Trusts and 103-12 Investments:* The interest in the common/collective trusts and 103-12 investments are valued at the NAV. The NAV, as provided by the Trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities.
- *Common Stocks:* Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.
- *Money Market/Interest Bearing Cash:* Valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.
- *U.S. Government Securities:* Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.
- *Corporate Debt Instruments:* Corporate bond securities traded on national securities exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the year. Securities traded in the over-the-counter market and listed securities for which no sales were reported on that date are valued at the last reported bid price.
- *Real Estate and Partnerships/Joint Ventures:* The interest in real estate and partnerships/joint venture funds are valued at the NAV. The NAV, as provided by the investment advisor, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan and Master Trust believe the valuation methods are 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.

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The following tables show the Master Trust's investment assets measured at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021

	2021			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Common Stock	\$ 684,760	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 684,760
Corporate Debt Instruments	—	55,880	—	55,880
U.S. Government Securities	—	54,803	—	54,803
Mutual funds	1,907,710	—	—	1,907,710
Money Market/Interest Bearing Cash	—	4,174	—	4,174
Other	—	4,570	—	4,570
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 2,592,470	\$ 119,427	\$ —	\$ 2,711,897
Investments measured at NAV (a)				3,503,397
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 6,215,294</u>

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Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020

	2020			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Common Stock	\$ 661,795	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 661,795
Corporate Debt Instruments	—	63,780	—	63,780
U.S. Government Securities	—	67,138	—	67,138
Mutual funds	1,732,944	—	—	1,732,944
Money Market/Interest Bearing Cash	—	5,996	—	5,996
Other	—	7,247	—	7,247
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 2,394,739	\$ 144,161	\$ —	\$ 2,538,900
Investments measured at NAV (a)				3,075,535
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 5,614,435</u>

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in these tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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The following table presents the Master Trust's common/collective trust investments with reported NAV at December 31, 2021:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitment</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Vanguard Target Retirement Funds	\$ 2,332,736	None	Daily	1 Day
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	37,447	None	Daily	1 Day
Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust	740,514	None	Daily	1 Day
Vanguard Extended Market Index Trust	233,995	None	Daily	1 Day
T. Rowe Price Emerging Markets Equity Trust	88,514	None	Daily	1 Day
Pimco Asset Back Secs Port-Unl	18,744	None	Daily	1 Day
Pimco Muni Sectr Port Instl Cl	2,887	None	Daily	1 Day
Pimco High Yield Portfolio Instl Cl	4,589	None	Daily	1 Day
Pimco Short Tm Flt Nav Port II	5,235	None	Daily	1 Day
Vanguard Institutional Total International Stock Market Index Trust	16,094	None	Daily	None
Vanguard Institutional Total Bond Market Index Trust	19,631	None	Daily	None
Environmental, Social, and Governance Fund	3,011	None	None	None
	<u>\$ 3,503,397</u>			

The following table presents the Master Trust's common/collective trust investments with reported NAV at December 31, 2020:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitment</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Vanguard Target Retirement Funds	\$ 2,068,460	None	Daily	1 Day
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	37,557	None	Daily	1 Day
Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust	582,166	None	Daily	1 Day
Vanguard Extended Market Index Trust	198,273	None	Daily	1 Day
T. Rowe Price Emerging Markets Equity Trust	104,481	None	Daily	1 Day
Pimco Asset Back Secs Port-Unl	18,228	None	Daily	1 Day
Pimco Muni Sectr Port Instl Cl	2,814	None	Daily	1 Day
Pimco High Yield Portfolio Instl Cl	3,987	None	Daily	1 Day
Pimco Short Tm Flt Nav Port II	33,616	None	Daily	1 Day
Vanguard Institutional Total International Stock Market Index Trust	6,825	None	Daily	None
Vanguard Institutional Total Bond Market Index Trust	18,152	None	Daily	None
Environmental, Social, and Governance Fund	976	None	None	None
	<u>\$ 3,075,535</u>			

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PIMCO Asset Back Securities and Short-Term Investments Portfolio – The Portfolio seeks maximum total return, consistent with prudent investment management. The Portfolio seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing under normal circumstances at least 80% of its assets in a portfolio of asset-backed securities of varying maturities and short-term investments, which may be represented by options, futures contracts, or swap agreements. Assets not invested in asset-backed securities or short-term investments may be invested in other types of fixed income instruments, including bonds, debt securities, and other similar instruments issued by various U.S. and non-U.S. public or private-sector entities, and having an aggregate duration that normally will not exceed one year.

PIMCO Municipal Portfolio – The Portfolio seeks maximum total return, consistent with prudent investment management. The Portfolio seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing under normal circumstances at least 80% of its assets in a portfolio of fixed income securities of varying maturities issued by or on behalf of states and local governments and their agencies, authorities and other instrumentalities (municipal securities), or in instruments that provide exposure to the municipal securities sector, such as options, futures contracts, or swap agreements. Assets not invested in municipal securities may be invested in other types of fixed income instruments, including bonds, debt securities, and other similar instruments issued by various U.S. and non-U.S. public or private-sector entities, and also in securities issued by entities whose underlying assets are municipal securities, including without limitation, residual interest bonds. The average duration of the Portfolio varies based on the strategy currently being used by PIMCO in managing the assets of the Portfolio within the overall PIMCO private account management program.

PIMCO High Yield and Short-Term Investments Portfolio – The Portfolio seeks maximum total return, consistent with prudent investment management. The Portfolio seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing under normal circumstances at least 80% of its assets in high yield investments (junk bonds) and short-term investments, which may be represented by forwards or derivatives such as options, futures contracts, or swap agreements. High yield investments include securities rated below investment grade by ratings agencies such as Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, or Fitch Inc., or if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in securities rated below B by Moody's Investors Service, or equivalently rated by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services or Fitch Inc, or if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality. Assets not invested in high yield securities or noninvestment grade short-term investments may be invested in investment grade fixed income instruments and investment grade short-term investments, including bonds, debt securities, and other similar instruments issued by various U.S. and non-U.S. public or private-sector entities. The average duration of the Portfolio varies based on the strategy currently being used by PIMCO in managing the assets of the Portfolio within the overall PIMCO private account management program.

PIMCO Short-Term Floating NAV Portfolio II – The Portfolio seeks maximum current income, consistent with preservation of capital and daily liquidity. The Portfolio seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing under normal circumstances at least 65% of its total assets in a diversified portfolio of fixed income instruments of varying maturities which may be represented by forwards, including bonds,

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debt securities, and other similar instruments issued by various U.S. and non-U.S. public or private-sector entities. The Portfolio may invest only in investment grade securities. The Portfolio may invest in securities of non-U.S. issuers only if the securities are U.S. dollar-denominated. The Portfolio may invest in mortgage- or asset-based securities and purchase instruments on an extended settlement basis. The average duration of the Portfolio will vary based on PIMCO's market forecasts and will normally not exceed 180 days.

Environmental, Social and Governance Fund – The Fund seeks to provide a balanced exposure to US stocks and US dollar-denominated bonds, using investment processes that give consideration to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors.

(7) Certification by the Plan Trustee

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2021 and 2020, and investment income/(loss) and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the years then ended, that are disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, were obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan Administrator and certified as complete and accurate by the Trustee of the Plan.

(8) Benefits Payable to Participants

The Plan had no benefits payable to participants at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

(9) Permitted Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan and Master Trust investments are shares of BASF Corporation common stock. The Plan held 495,133 and 553,928 shares of BASF Corporation common stock at December 31, 2021 and 2020, valued at \$16,260 and \$20,457, respectively. Transactions in these shares qualify as permitted party-in-interest transactions.

Certain Plan and Master Trust investments represent shares or units of funds managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company as of December 31, 2021 and 2020. Transactions in these funds qualify as permitted party-in-interest transactions.

(10) Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Sponsor has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

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(11) Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of certain line items on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 to Form 5500:

	<u>Per Financial Statements</u>	<u>Reclass for Form 5500 Purposes</u>	<u>Per Form 5500</u>
Net investment gain from BASF			
Corporation Savings Plan Master Trust	\$ 790,942	\$ (1,233)	\$ 789,709
Administrative fees	1,233	(1,233)	—

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Participant loans	Promissory notes from participants with interest rates varying from 3.25% to 9.25% with maturity dates from January 2022 to December 2041		
	Total		**	\$ <u>62,960</u>
				\$ <u>62,960</u>

* Represents party-in-interest.

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and, therefore, is not included.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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BASF Corporation as Plan Administrator of the
BASF Corporation 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 financial statements of BASF Corporation 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)"). 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 ("2021 Financial Statements").

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 Financial Statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 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 and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 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 *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements* section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 Financial Statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the accompanying 2021 Financial Statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our 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 2021 Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for 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 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 significant likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 Financial Statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matters

2021 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is 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 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor'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).

Auditor's 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 Department of Labor'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 October 1, 2021, except for the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits, Statement of Changes In Net Assets Available for Benefits, Master Trust paragraph in Note 1, Note 5, Note 6, Note 7, Note 11 and Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as to which the date is February 2, 2022, 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 (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.



Parsippany, New Jersey
September 28, 2022

BASF CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

EIN 16-1090809

Plan #004

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2021

(In thousands)

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Participant loans	Promissory notes from participants with interest rates varying from 3.25% to 9.25% with maturity dates from January 2022 to December 2041		
	Total		**	\$ <u>62,960</u>
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* Represents party-in-interest.

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and, therefore, is not included.

See Independent Auditor's Report.