

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>MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>001</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>07/01/1995</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-3879353</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>205-507-3359</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>336100</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>07/01/1995</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-3879353</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>205-507-3359</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>336100</u>	
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2d Business code (see instructions) <u>336100</u>											
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.</u> <u>1 MERCEDES DRIVE</u> <u>VANCE, AL 35490</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.	10/18/2022	DAWN BIBB
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
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	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 4882
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..... a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	 6a(1) 4405 6a(2) 4593 6b 61 6c 508 6d 5162 6e 27 6f 5189 6g 4861 6h 60
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2T 3F 3H 2S b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-3879353	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
VOYA INSTITUTIONAL PLAN SERVICES
04-3516284

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
SEI TRUST COMPANY
06-1271230

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
PANAGORA ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.
04-3063840

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

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

VOYA INSTITUTIONAL PLAN SERVICES

04-3516284

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 49 64	CONTRACTUAL	529281	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

VOYA RETIREMENT ADVISORS, LLC

22-1862786

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26	CONTRACTUAL	152496	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

MORNINGSTAR

36-3297908

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26	CONTRACTUAL	118697	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

R.V. KUHN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

93-0910652

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVEST ADVISOR	115121	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

WARREN AVERETT

45-4084437

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	AUDITOR	26000	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

SSGA

81-4017137

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
51	CONTRACTUAL	8733	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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c Position:	
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Explanation:

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

A Name of plan <u>MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) <u>001</u>	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-3879353</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SSGA S&P 500 INDEX</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>04-0025081-309</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>90125967</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>ARROWSTREET INTERNATIONAL EQUITY AC</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GLOBAL TRUST COMPANY-ARROWSTREET</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>61-6553401-004</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>40537444</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PANAGORA U.S. LARGE CAP STOCK SELEC</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PANAGORA</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>46-4039536-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>57387789</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2005</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T.ROWE PRICE</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>61-6434302-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>7545985</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2010</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T.ROWE PRICE</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>32-6199795-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>17316613</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2015</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T.ROWE PRICE</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>35-6941654-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>5271170</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2020</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T.ROWE PRICE</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>36-7594871-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>72438946</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2025

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE

c EIN-PN 37-6495447-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 68668106
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2030

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE

c EIN-PN 38-7010946-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 120330006
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2035

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE

c EIN-PN 36-7595013-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 92546485
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2040

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE

c EIN-PN 35-6941729-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 62060930
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2045

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE

c EIN-PN 32-6199848-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 26992613
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2050

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE

c EIN-PN 30-6303214-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 22163330
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2055

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE

c EIN-PN 35-6941728-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13267459
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2060

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE

c EIN-PN 47-1088316-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8565320
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T.ROWE PRICE RET. 2065

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T.ROWE PRICE

c EIN-PN 85-1763138-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 72831
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SSGA REAL ASSET FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS

c EIN-PN 90-0337987-374	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7850002
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **STATE STREET RUSSELL SMALL/MID CAP**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS**

c EIN-PN 04-0025081-019	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 29716446
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **STATE STREET GLOBAL ALL CAP EQUITY**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS**

c EIN-PN 04-0025081-444	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7659978
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **STATE STREET US BOND INDEX FUND**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS**

c EIN-PN 04-0025081-477	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7969462
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

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

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

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

A Name of plan <u>MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:80%;">B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►</td> <td style="width:20%; text-align: center;"><u>001</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>001</u>		
B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>001</u>				
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-3879353</u>				

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	17919215	20570228
(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)	22198292	22286158
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	662742356	758486880
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	279681677	289286088
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	25893896	36121998

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	1008435436	1126751352

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	1008435436	1126751352
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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)	32138023	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	27576286	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	914644	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		60628953
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)	1241314	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		1241314
(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)	5628273	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		5628273
(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)		104939436
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		17059270
c Other income.....	2c		1137920
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		190635166
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	71115688	
(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)		71115688
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		253235
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)	950327	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		950327
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		72319250
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		118315916
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: WARREN AVERETTE, LLC

(2) EIN: 45-4084437

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		1000000
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 MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-3879353

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-3581074	
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.

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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 _____

October 17, 2022

To the Retirement Plan Committee
Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan

We have audited the financial statements of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit] for the year ended December 31, 2021, and we will issue our report thereon dated October 17, 2022. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by Voya Institutional Trust Company, the trustee, which is a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP. Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 3, 2022. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Plan are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2021. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was investment valuation which is outlined within Note 2. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the investment valuations in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Form 5500 Procedures

We are required to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of Form 5500 prior to dating our auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing our audit.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no corrected or uncorrected misstatements.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 17, 2022.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Plan's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Plan's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

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

This information is intended solely for the use of the Plan administrator and management of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren Averett, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Warren Averett, LLC
Atlanta, Georgia

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Retirement Plan Committee
Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

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

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

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 these 2021 financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP.

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the 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).

Other Matter – Auditors’ Report on the 2020 Financial Statement

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 any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by Voya Institutional Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan. In our report dated October 14, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were prepared in compliance with the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Warren Averett, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
October 17, 2022

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	\$ 1,083,894,966	\$ 968,317,929
RECEIVABLES		
Employer contributions, net of forfeitures	20,570,228	17,919,215
Notes receivable from participants	<u>22,286,158</u>	<u>22,198,292</u>
Total receivables	<u>42,856,386</u>	<u>40,117,507</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 1,126,751,352</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,008,435,436</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements.

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

ADDITIONS

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 123,136,626
Interest and dividends	<u>5,628,273</u>

Total investment income	<u>128,764,899</u>
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Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>1,241,314</u>
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Contributions:

Employer, net of forfeitures	32,138,023
Participant	27,576,286
Rollover	<u>914,644</u>

Total contributions	<u>60,628,953</u>
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TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>190,635,166</u>
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DEDUCTIONS

Benefits paid to participants	71,368,923
Administrative expenses	<u>950,327</u>

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>72,319,250</u>
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NET INCREASE	118,315,916
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,008,435,436</u>
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AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 1,126,751,352</u></u>
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See notes to the financial statements.

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. (the Company) Retirement and Savings Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of the Company. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of employment. Associates on temporary assignment from an affiliated company are not eligible to participate. Associates covered by a collective bargaining agreement are not eligible to participate unless the collective bargaining agreement provides for participation in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Retirement Plan Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Retirement Plan Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's Board of Directors.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute from 1% to 50% of pretax or annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. The Plan also allows for after-tax Roth contributions. Participants can elect to contribute from 1% to 6% of their compensation as after-tax contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). The Plan provides for automatic enrollment of participants at a deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation with an annual escalation 1% per year to a maximum of 6% of eligible compensation.

The Plan includes a Qualified Automatic Contribution Arrangement (QACA) provision. The Company contributes a QACA safe-harbor matching contribution of 100% of the first 1%; 75% of the next 1%; and 50% of the next 4% of participants pretax contributions. The Company also makes a required annual retirement contribution on behalf of each eligible participant. The retirement contribution is based on a percentage of compensation and number of years of vesting service with the Company. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the required annual retirement contribution net of forfeitures is \$20,570,228 and is included as a receivable on the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and is included in employer contributions within the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's retirement contribution and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on the proportion of each participant's account balance to the total balance of all accounts. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN – CONTINUED

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching contribution and retirement contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant shall receive credit for one year of service for each calendar year in which the participant is credited with 1,000 or more hours of service. Participants vest 50% for one year of service and are 100% vested after two or more years of service on their QACA Matching Contributions, Non-QACA Matching contributions and their retirement contribution account.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their vested account balance a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. A participant may not have more than two loans outstanding at any given time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate, determined quarterly, is set at 1% above the prime rate, as defined. Principal and interest are paid ratably through periodic payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

A participant becomes eligible for benefits upon termination, death or disability. In-service withdrawals are permitted after age 59 ½ or due to financial hardship. A participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or prescribed installments. Unless another election is made by the participant, an account balance of less than \$1,000 will be paid out in cash.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$132,896 and \$89,310, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer matching and retirement contributions. In 2021, employer matching and retirement contributions were reduced by \$100,343 from forfeited nonvested accounts.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Retirement Plan Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers and insurance company. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Related fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan, such as recordkeeping, accounting and legal services are deducted from a participant's account on a per capita basis. These expenses may be paid, in whole or in part, from revenue sharing payments that the plan receives from the Plan investment options. If revenue sharing payments are received, then only those expenses not offset by any revenue sharing payments will be deducted from a participants account.

Fees related to participant-initiated transactions, administrative fees, audit fees and trustee fees are included within the administrative expenses in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 17, 2022, the date the report was available to be issued and have determined that no subsequent event requiring disclosure under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 855, *Subsequent Events*.

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
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3. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and the ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2021 and 2020, net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2021, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Voya Institutional Trust Company (the trustee).

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

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

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

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

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual funds: valued based on quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year end. 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 NAV and transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are considered to be actively traded.

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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – CONTINUED

Common stock (held in the self-directed brokerage accounts): valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the common stock is traded.

Other short-term investments (held in self-directed brokerage accounts): valued at the closing price held at the financial institution.

Common collective trust funds: valued at the NAV per unit. The NAV, as provided by the fund managers, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The preceding methods may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its 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.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020. There were no Level 2 or 3 investments.

Fair value measurements as of December 31, 2021		
	Level 1	Total
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 289,286,088	\$ 289,286,088
Self-managed brokerage account	36,121,996	36,121,996
Total investments within hierarchy	<u>\$ 325,408,084</u>	325,408,084
Investments valued at NAV ^{(a)(b)(c)}		
Common collective trust funds		<u>758,486,882</u>
Investments at fair value		<u>\$ 1,083,894,966</u>

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – CONTINUED

Fair value measurements as of December 31, 2020		
	Level 1	Total
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 279,681,677	\$ 279,681,677
Self-managed brokerage account	25,893,896	25,893,896
Total investments within hierarchy	<u>\$ 305,575,573</u>	305,575,573
Investments valued at NAV ^{(a)(b)(c)}		
Common collective trust funds		662,742,356
Investments at fair value		<u>\$ 968,317,929</u>

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

^(b) Measured using the NAV per unit (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient and held in a fund that files a Form 5500, Annual Return Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan, as a direct filing entity.

^(c) There are no participant redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments for these investments. These investments are eligible to be redeemed daily.

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Trustee charges a fixed fee per participant to pay reasonable administrative expenses of the Plan. The Plan paid recordkeeping, investment advisory and audit fees from these funds to related parties. The Plan also paid trustee fees from the Plan. These fees are exempt party-in-interest transactions. All of these fees are included within the administrative fees in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

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7. TAX STATUS

The IRS has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated September 2, 2014, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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

8. CONTINGENCIES

Plan Litigation

The Company and the Plan have been named as a defendant in a lawsuit involving a disputed pension payment. The Company believes the lawsuit will not have a material adverse effect on the Plan based on information currently available. However, litigation is inherently unpredictable and although the Company believes that it has valid defenses in this matter, unfavorable resolutions could occur, which could have a material effect on the Plan in a particular reporting period.

9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
EIN 36-3879353 / PLAN # 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i) – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2021

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(e) Current Value
	Mutual Funds		
	Harbor Capital Appreciation Instl	Mutual fund	\$ 93,873,781
	Lazard US Small-Mid Cap Equity Instl	Mutual fund	19,729,220
	MassMutual Short-Duration Bond Fund	Mutual fund	14,648,480
	Western Asset Institutional	Mutual fund	60,831,138
	Western Asset Core Bond	Mutual fund	64,513,211
	Dodge and Cox Stock Fund	Mutual fund	35,690,258
			<u>289,286,088</u>
	Self Managed Account		
*	T.D. Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Self-Managed Brokerage Account	36,121,996
	Common Collective Trust Funds		
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Fund	Common collective trust fund	7,545,985
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	SSGA S&P 500 Index	Common collective trust fund	90,125,967
	State Street US Small Mid Cap Index	Common collective trust fund	29,716,446
	State Street Global Equity ex US Index	Common collective trust fund	7,659,978
	State Street US Bond Index	Common collective trust fund	7,969,462
	Arrowstreet ACWI Ex US	Common collective trust fund	40,537,444
			<u>758,486,882</u>
*	Participant loans	Interest rates range from 4.25% to 9.50%; various maturity dates	<u>22,286,158</u>
			<u><u>\$ 1,106,181,124</u></u>

* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

Column (d) has not been presented as this information is not applicable.

This schedule is presented in compliance with DOL filing requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Retirement Plan Committee
Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

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

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

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 these 2021 financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP.

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the 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).

Other Matter – Auditors’ Report on the 2020 Financial Statement

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 any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by Voya Institutional Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan. In our report dated October 14, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were prepared in compliance with the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Warren Averett, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
October 17, 2022

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	\$ 1,083,894,966	\$ 968,317,929
RECEIVABLES		
Employer contributions, net of forfeitures	20,570,228	17,919,215
Notes receivable from participants	<u>22,286,158</u>	<u>22,198,292</u>
Total receivables	<u>42,856,386</u>	<u>40,117,507</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 1,126,751,352</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,008,435,436</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements.

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

ADDITIONS

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 123,136,626
Interest and dividends	<u>5,628,273</u>

Total investment income	<u>128,764,899</u>
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Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>1,241,314</u>
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Contributions:

Employer, net of forfeitures	32,138,023
Participant	27,576,286
Rollover	<u>914,644</u>

Total contributions	<u>60,628,953</u>
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TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>190,635,166</u>
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DEDUCTIONS

Benefits paid to participants	71,368,923
Administrative expenses	<u>950,327</u>

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>72,319,250</u>
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NET INCREASE	118,315,916
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,008,435,436</u>
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AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 1,126,751,352</u></u>
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See notes to the financial statements.

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. (the Company) Retirement and Savings Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of the Company. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of employment. Associates on temporary assignment from an affiliated company are not eligible to participate. Associates covered by a collective bargaining agreement are not eligible to participate unless the collective bargaining agreement provides for participation in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Retirement Plan Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Retirement Plan Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's Board of Directors.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute from 1% to 50% of pretax or annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. The Plan also allows for after-tax Roth contributions. Participants can elect to contribute from 1% to 6% of their compensation as after-tax contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). The Plan provides for automatic enrollment of participants at a deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation with an annual escalation 1% per year to a maximum of 6% of eligible compensation.

The Plan includes a Qualified Automatic Contribution Arrangement (QACA) provision. The Company contributes a QACA safe-harbor matching contribution of 100% of the first 1%; 75% of the next 1%; and 50% of the next 4% of participants pretax contributions. The Company also makes a required annual retirement contribution on behalf of each eligible participant. The retirement contribution is based on a percentage of compensation and number of years of vesting service with the Company. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the required annual retirement contribution net of forfeitures is \$20,570,228 and is included as a receivable on the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and is included in employer contributions within the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's retirement contribution and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on the proportion of each participant's account balance to the total balance of all accounts. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN – CONTINUED

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching contribution and retirement contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant shall receive credit for one year of service for each calendar year in which the participant is credited with 1,000 or more hours of service. Participants vest 50% for one year of service and are 100% vested after two or more years of service on their QACA Matching Contributions, Non-QACA Matching contributions and their retirement contribution account.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their vested account balance a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. A participant may not have more than two loans outstanding at any given time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate, determined quarterly, is set at 1% above the prime rate, as defined. Principal and interest are paid ratably through periodic payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

A participant becomes eligible for benefits upon termination, death or disability. In-service withdrawals are permitted after age 59 ½ or due to financial hardship. A participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or prescribed installments. Unless another election is made by the participant, an account balance of less than \$1,000 will be paid out in cash.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$132,896 and \$89,310, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer matching and retirement contributions. In 2021, employer matching and retirement contributions were reduced by \$100,343 from forfeited nonvested accounts.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Retirement Plan Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers and insurance company. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Related fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan, such as recordkeeping, accounting and legal services are deducted from a participant's account on a per capita basis. These expenses may be paid, in whole or in part, from revenue sharing payments that the plan receives from the Plan investment options. If revenue sharing payments are received, then only those expenses not offset by any revenue sharing payments will be deducted from a participants account.

Fees related to participant-initiated transactions, administrative fees, audit fees and trustee fees are included within the administrative expenses in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 17, 2022, the date the report was available to be issued and have determined that no subsequent event requiring disclosure under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 855, *Subsequent Events*.

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3. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and the ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2021 and 2020, net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2021, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Voya Institutional Trust Company (the trustee).

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

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

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

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

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual funds: valued based on quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year end. 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 NAV and transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are considered to be actively traded.

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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – CONTINUED

Common stock (held in the self-directed brokerage accounts): valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the common stock is traded.

Other short-term investments (held in self-directed brokerage accounts): valued at the closing price held at the financial institution.

Common collective trust funds: valued at the NAV per unit. The NAV, as provided by the fund managers, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The preceding methods may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its 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.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020. There were no Level 2 or 3 investments.

Fair value measurements as of December 31, 2021		
	Level 1	Total
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 289,286,088	\$ 289,286,088
Self-managed brokerage account	36,121,996	36,121,996
Total investments within hierarchy	<u>\$ 325,408,084</u>	325,408,084
Investments valued at NAV ^{(a)(b)(c)}		
Common collective trust funds		<u>758,486,882</u>
Investments at fair value		<u>\$ 1,083,894,966</u>

**MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – CONTINUED

Fair value measurements as of December 31, 2020		
	Level 1	Total
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 279,681,677	\$ 279,681,677
Self-managed brokerage account	25,893,896	25,893,896
Total investments within hierarchy	<u>\$ 305,575,573</u>	305,575,573
Investments valued at NAV ^{(a)(b)(c)}		
Common collective trust funds		662,742,356
Investments at fair value		<u>\$ 968,317,929</u>

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

^(b) Measured using the NAV per unit (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient and held in a fund that files a Form 5500, Annual Return Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan, as a direct filing entity.

^(c) There are no participant redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments for these investments. These investments are eligible to be redeemed daily.

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Trustee charges a fixed fee per participant to pay reasonable administrative expenses of the Plan. The Plan paid recordkeeping, investment advisory and audit fees from these funds to related parties. The Plan also paid trustee fees from the Plan. These fees are exempt party-in-interest transactions. All of these fees are included within the administrative fees in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

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7. TAX STATUS

The IRS has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated September 2, 2014, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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

8. CONTINGENCIES

Plan Litigation

The Company and the Plan have been named as a defendant in a lawsuit involving a disputed pension payment. The Company believes the lawsuit will not have a material adverse effect on the Plan based on information currently available. However, litigation is inherently unpredictable and although the Company believes that it has valid defenses in this matter, unfavorable resolutions could occur, which could have a material effect on the Plan in a particular reporting period.

9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MERCEDES-BENZ U.S. INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
EIN 36-3879353 / PLAN # 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i) – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2021

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(e) Current Value
	Mutual Funds		
	Harbor Capital Appreciation Instl	Mutual fund	\$ 93,873,781
	Lazard US Small-Mid Cap Equity Instl	Mutual fund	19,729,220
	MassMutual Short-Duration Bond Fund	Mutual fund	14,648,480
	Western Asset Institutional	Mutual fund	60,831,138
	Western Asset Core Bond	Mutual fund	64,513,211
	Dodge and Cox Stock Fund	Mutual fund	35,690,258
			<u>289,286,088</u>
	Self Managed Account		
*	T.D. Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Self-Managed Brokerage Account	36,121,996
	Common Collective Trust Funds		
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Fund	Common collective trust fund	7,545,985
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	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2065 Fund	Common collective trust fund	72,831
	SSGA Real Asset Fund	Common collective trust fund	7,850,002
	Panagora US LC Stock Selector	Common collective trust fund	57,387,789
	SSGA S&P 500 Index	Common collective trust fund	90,125,967
	State Street US Small Mid Cap Index	Common collective trust fund	29,716,446
	State Street Global Equity ex US Index	Common collective trust fund	7,659,978
	State Street US Bond Index	Common collective trust fund	7,969,462
	Arrowstreet ACWI Ex US	Common collective trust fund	40,537,444
			<u>758,486,882</u>
*	Participant loans	Interest rates range from 4.25% to 9.50%; various maturity dates	<u>22,286,158</u>
			<u><u>\$ 1,106,181,124</u></u>

* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

Column (d) has not been presented as this information is not applicable.

This schedule is presented in compliance with DOL filing requirements.