

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 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</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>VALMARK, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN</u> 2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>VALMARK, INC.</u> <u>175 WEST STREET</u> <u>P.O. BOX 948</u> <u>FRIDAY HARBOR, WA 98250</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	
	1c Effective date of plan	<u>04/01/1993</u>	
	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)	<u>91-1110337</u>	
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number	<u>360-378-5228</u>	
	2d Business code (see instructions)	<u>451110</u>	

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2023	SANDI GUARD
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2023	SANDI GUARD
	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		5 166
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1) 95
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 97
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c 75
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 172
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 172
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....		6g 164
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)		7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 3D 2G 2J 2F 2T		
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 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 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
		2022
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan VALMARK, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 VALMARK, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 91-1110337	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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	
MORGAN STANLEY & CO., INC.	2200 RIMLAND DR STE 105 BELLINGHAM, WA 98226-6643

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
MORGAN STANLEY	1585 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10036

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

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

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1300 THAMES STREET WHARF
BALTIMORE, MD 21231

(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 50	NONE	14224	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 99 15 60 50 62	NONE	2115	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

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
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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>		
A Name of plan <u>VALMARK, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN</u>		B Three-digit plan number (PN) <u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>VALMARK, INC.</u>		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>91-1110337</u>

Part I Asset and Liability Statement			
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)	<u>10317</u>	<u>5286</u>
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	<u>8298</u>	<u>8814</u>
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	<u>99262</u>	<u>14997</u>
(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)	<u>194634</u>	<u>210913</u>
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)		
(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)	<u>8029103</u>	<u>6822814</u>
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	8341614	7062824

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	8341614	7062824
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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)	169525	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	276272	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		445797
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	100	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	10670	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		10770
(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)	92824	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		92824
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(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)		-1730061
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-1180670
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	81781	
(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)		81781
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	2115	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	14224	
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		16339
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		98120
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-1278790
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: HAGEN,KURTH,PERMAN

(2) EIN: 91-1233794

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			

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

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

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

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan VALMARK, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 VALMARK, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 91-1110337
Part I Distributions		
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 45-0404698		
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.)		
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		
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		
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.		
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....		☐ Yes ☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?.....		☐ Yes ☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.).....		☐ Yes ☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?.....		☐ Yes ☐ No
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2022 v. 220413		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

14	Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:	
a	The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a
b	The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b
c	The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c
15	Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:	
a	The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	15a
b	The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	15b
16	Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:	
a	Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a
b	If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b
17	If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐	

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

VALMARK, INC.
RETIREMENT PLAN

ANNUAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Annual Report
December 31, 2022 and 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Trustees
Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Valmark, Inc. Retirement 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 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits 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 audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by 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 certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the year ended December 31, 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the 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.

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- 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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), as of December 31, 2022, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplemental 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 audits 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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 their 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 Regulation 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).

Hagen, Kurth, Perman & Co. P.S.

Seattle, Washington
October 5, 2023

Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 6,822,814	8,029,103
Money market fund	<u>14,997</u>	<u>99,262</u>
Total investments	<u>6,837,811</u>	<u>8,128,365</u>
Receivables:		
Employee contributions	8,814	8,298
Employer safe harbor contributions	5,286	10,317
Notes receivable from participants	<u>210,913</u>	<u>194,634</u>
Total receivables	<u>225,013</u>	<u>213,249</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 7,062,824</u>	<u>8,341,614</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2022

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income (loss):

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (1,730,061)
Interest and dividends	<u>92,924</u>
Total investment loss	<u>(1,637,137)</u>

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	10,670
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Contributions:

Employee contributions	276,272
Employer safe harbor contributions	<u>169,525</u>
Total contributions	<u>445,797</u>
Total additions, net	<u>(1,180,670)</u>

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	81,781
Administrative expenses	<u>16,339</u>
Total deductions	<u>98,120</u>
Net decrease	(1,278,790)

Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	<u>8,341,614</u>
End of year	\$ <u><u>7,062,824</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2022 and 2021

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

a. General

The Plan is a qualified defined contribution plan, established on April 1, 1993. The Plan covers all employees of Valmark, Inc. (the Company).

Effective May 1, 2021, the Plan was amended and restated to comply with current regulations and to remain qualified as a tax-exempt entity Plan. General operating provisions of the Plan were not modified with respect to this amendment.

The Company is also the plan sponsor and the plan administrator.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

b. Eligibility

Employees are eligible to participate after reaching the age of 21 and completing one year of service (1,000 hours). Participants may enter the Plan on the first January 1st or July 1st occurring immediately after satisfaction of the eligibility requirements.

c. Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 15% of eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan document. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

The Plan has a safe-harbor nonelective contribution feature. Under the terms of the safe harbor provisions, the Company contributes 3% of each eligible participant's compensation. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company made \$169,525 of safe harbor contributions.

At its discretion, the Company may elect to make a discretionary profit sharing contribution. There were no such contributions made for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit and defined contribution plans (rollover).

Participants direct the investment of their contributions, Company contributions and any related earnings into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment elections and make transfers between investment options on a daily basis.

Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

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Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN, (Continued)

d. Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, Company contributions, as well as an allocation of the Plan's earnings (losses) and expenses. The allocation of the Plan's earnings or losses is based on each participant's share/unit values. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

e. Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their salary deferral contributions and safe harbor nonelective contributions plus actual earnings or losses thereon.

Vesting in any Company discretionary profit sharing contributions plus actual earnings or losses thereon is in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of service</u>	<u>Vesting %</u>
Less than 2	0%
2	20%
3	40%
4	60%
5	80%
6	100%

Participant interests in all Company discretionary contributions will become 100% vested upon death, disability, or reaching normal retirement age (age 65).

f. Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their account balance a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested balance. Loan terms can be up to five years, except loans used to purchase a primary residence can be for extended loan terms. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate as specified in the Wall Street Journal plus 2%. At December 31, 2022, the range of interest rates on all outstanding loans was 5.25%-9.00%. The Plan requires repayment of the loan obligation through payroll deductions; however, the participant may repay the loan at any time.

g. Payment of benefits

Benefits will be paid to the participants or the participant's beneficiary upon termination of service, death, disability, or retirement.

If the participant's vested account balance is over \$5,000, then the distribution will be paid either as a lump sum cash payment, a direct rollover or in installment payments for required minimum distributions, at the participant's discretion.

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Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN. (Continued)

g. Payment of benefits. (Continued)

If the participant's vested account balance is under \$5,000 but over \$1,000, then the distribution may be made, either as a lump sum cash payment, or as a direct rollover, as soon as administratively practicable after the participant leaves the Company. If the participant does not respond regarding method of distribution, then the distribution may be rolled into an Individual Retirement Account in the name of the participant regardless of whether the participant consents to receive it.

If the participant's vested account balance is under \$1,000, then the distribution may be made in a lump sum cash payment regardless of whether the participant consents to receive it.

In-service lump sum distributions are available to any participant who has reached age 59 ½.

Participants may also withdraw funds from their account in the event of financial hardship as defined in the Plan document.

h. Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts are maintained in a separate account under the Plan. Under the terms of the Plan, forfeitures may be used to pay the Plan's expenses or reduce future employer contributions at the discretion of the Company. Unallocated forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts totaled \$3,538 and \$2,536 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. No forfeitures were used during 2022.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

b. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

c. 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 administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment adviser and trustee. See note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES. (Continued)

c. Investment valuation and income recognition. (Continued)

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 depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

d. Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 or 2021. 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.

e. Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

f. Administrative expenses

Certain expenses incurred by the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Administrative fees not paid by the Company are charged to participants' accounts and apportioned based upon their relative account values. Transaction based fees are charged directly to participant's accounts.

g. Date of the Plan's review

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 5, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. TRUSTEE CERTIFICATIONS UNDER ERISA SECTION 103(a)(3)(C)

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted under such election, the auditors' examination did not extend to the following information certified by Ascensus Trust Company, the trustee, as complete and accurate:

- Investments
- Notes receivable from participants
- Net depreciation in fair value of investments
- Interest and dividends
- Interest income on notes receivable from participants
- Schedule of assets (held at end of year)

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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 Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820 are described as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in 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 that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

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	American Funds Cap World Gr and IncA	Mutual fund	n/a	362,882
	Total mutual funds			6,822,814
	American Funds U.S. Govt Money Mkt R2	Money market fund	n/a	14,997
*	Participant loans	5.25% to 9.00%	-0-	210,913
	Total investments		\$	<u>7,048,724</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.
n/a Cost information for participant-directed investments is not required to be disclosed.



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October 5, 2023

Ms. Sandi Guard
Valmark, Inc.
PO Box 948
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Dear Sandi:

The financial statements of Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan for the year ended December 31, 2022 are complete. An electronic copy of the audited financial statements has been sent via email.

Your 2022 Form 5500 annual return/report, including all required attachments and schedules, are required to be filed electronically. Therefore, attach the final FS PDF to your Form 5500 but DO NOT encrypt or password protect the PDF copy or EFAST2 filing as doing so will remove the PDF from your filing and you may receive an error indicating an attachment is missing. The filing deadline is October 16, 2023 and we recommend submitting your filing as soon as possible in order to allow enough time for processing and acceptance by the Department of Labor.

Even though the Form 5500 must be filed electronically, the administrator must keep a copy of the Form 5500, including the schedule and attachments, with all required signatures on file as part of the Plan's records, and must make a paper copy available upon request to participants, beneficiaries, and the DOL as required by ERISA.

If the financial statements are reproduced, they should be reproduced in their entirety. Also, please forward to us, for our review prior to publication, any document that will contain reproductions of the financial statements.

Also enclosed is our audit communications wrap up letter.

If you have any questions, please call Shawn Van Horn or me.

Sincerely,

Hagen, Kurth, Perman & Co., P.S.

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ANNUAL REPORT
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AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Annual Report
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Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Trustees
Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Valmark, Inc. Retirement 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 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits 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 audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by 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 certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the year ended December 31, 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the 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.

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Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), as of December 31, 2022, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplemental 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 audits 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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 their 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 Regulation 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).

Hagen, Kurth, Perman & Co. P.S.

Seattle, Washington
October 5, 2023

Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 6,822,814	8,029,103
Money market fund	<u>14,997</u>	<u>99,262</u>
Total investments	<u>6,837,811</u>	<u>8,128,365</u>
Receivables:		
Employee contributions	8,814	8,298
Employer safe harbor contributions	5,286	10,317
Notes receivable from participants	<u>210,913</u>	<u>194,634</u>
Total receivables	<u>225,013</u>	<u>213,249</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 7,062,824</u>	<u>8,341,614</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2022

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income (loss):

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (1,730,061)
Interest and dividends	<u>92,924</u>
Total investment loss	<u>(1,637,137)</u>

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	10,670
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Contributions:

Employee contributions	276,272
Employer safe harbor contributions	<u>169,525</u>
Total contributions	<u>445,797</u>
Total additions, net	<u>(1,180,670)</u>

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	81,781
Administrative expenses	<u>16,339</u>
Total deductions	<u>98,120</u>
Net decrease	(1,278,790)

Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	<u>8,341,614</u>
End of year	\$ <u><u>7,062,824</u></u>

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Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2022 and 2021

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

a. General

The Plan is a qualified defined contribution plan, established on April 1, 1993. The Plan covers all employees of Valmark, Inc. (the Company).

Effective May 1, 2021, the Plan was amended and restated to comply with current regulations and to remain qualified as a tax-exempt entity Plan. General operating provisions of the Plan were not modified with respect to this amendment.

The Company is also the plan sponsor and the plan administrator.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

b. Eligibility

Employees are eligible to participate after reaching the age of 21 and completing one year of service (1,000 hours). Participants may enter the Plan on the first January 1st or July 1st occurring immediately after satisfaction of the eligibility requirements.

c. Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 15% of eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan document. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

The Plan has a safe-harbor nonelective contribution feature. Under the terms of the safe harbor provisions, the Company contributes 3% of each eligible participant's compensation. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company made \$169,525 of safe harbor contributions.

At its discretion, the Company may elect to make a discretionary profit sharing contribution. There were no such contributions made for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit and defined contribution plans (rollover).

Participants direct the investment of their contributions, Company contributions and any related earnings into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment elections and make transfers between investment options on a daily basis.

Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

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Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN, (Continued)

d. Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, Company contributions, as well as an allocation of the Plan's earnings (losses) and expenses. The allocation of the Plan's earnings or losses is based on each participant's share/unit values. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

e. Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their salary deferral contributions and safe harbor nonelective contributions plus actual earnings or losses thereon.

Vesting in any Company discretionary profit sharing contributions plus actual earnings or losses thereon is in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of service</u>	<u>Vesting %</u>
Less than 2	0%
2	20%
3	40%
4	60%
5	80%
6	100%

Participant interests in all Company discretionary contributions will become 100% vested upon death, disability, or reaching normal retirement age (age 65).

f. Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their account balance a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested balance. Loan terms can be up to five years, except loans used to purchase a primary residence can be for extended loan terms. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate as specified in the Wall Street Journal plus 2%. At December 31, 2022, the range of interest rates on all outstanding loans was 5.25%-9.00%. The Plan requires repayment of the loan obligation through payroll deductions; however, the participant may repay the loan at any time.

g. Payment of benefits

Benefits will be paid to the participants or the participant's beneficiary upon termination of service, death, disability, or retirement.

If the participant's vested account balance is over \$5,000, then the distribution will be paid either as a lump sum cash payment, a direct rollover or in installment payments for required minimum distributions, at the participant's discretion.

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Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN. (Continued)

g. Payment of benefits. (Continued)

If the participant's vested account balance is under \$5,000 but over \$1,000, then the distribution may be made, either as a lump sum cash payment, or as a direct rollover, as soon as administratively practicable after the participant leaves the Company. If the participant does not respond regarding method of distribution, then the distribution may be rolled into an Individual Retirement Account in the name of the participant regardless of whether the participant consents to receive it.

If the participant's vested account balance is under \$1,000, then the distribution may be made in a lump sum cash payment regardless of whether the participant consents to receive it.

In-service lump sum distributions are available to any participant who has reached age 59 ½.

Participants may also withdraw funds from their account in the event of financial hardship as defined in the Plan document.

h. Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts are maintained in a separate account under the Plan. Under the terms of the Plan, forfeitures may be used to pay the Plan's expenses or reduce future employer contributions at the discretion of the Company. Unallocated forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts totaled \$3,538 and \$2,536 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. No forfeitures were used during 2022.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

b. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

c. 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 administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment adviser and trustee. See note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

(Continued)

Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES. (Continued)

c. Investment valuation and income recognition. (Continued)

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 depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

d. Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 or 2021. 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.

e. Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

f. Administrative expenses

Certain expenses incurred by the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Administrative fees not paid by the Company are charged to participants' accounts and apportioned based upon their relative account values. Transaction based fees are charged directly to participant's accounts.

g. Date of the Plan's review

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 5, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. TRUSTEE CERTIFICATIONS UNDER ERISA SECTION 103(a)(3)(C)

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted under such election, the auditors' examination did not extend to the following information certified by Ascensus Trust Company, the trustee, as complete and accurate:

- Investments
- Notes receivable from participants
- Net depreciation in fair value of investments
- Interest and dividends
- Interest income on notes receivable from participants
- Schedule of assets (held at end of year)

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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 Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820 are described as follows:

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	American Funds Income Fund of America A	Mutual fund	n/a	759,293
	American Funds Smallcap World Fund A	Mutual fund	n/a	746,646
	American Funds Cap World Gr and IncA	Mutual fund	n/a	362,882
	Total mutual funds			6,822,814
	American Funds U.S. Govt Money Mkt R2	Money market fund	n/a	14,997
*	Participant loans	5.25% to 9.00%	-0-	210,913
	Total investments		\$	<u>7,048,724</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.
n/a Cost information for participant-directed investments is not required to be disclosed.



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October 5, 2023

Ms. Sandi Guard
Valmark, Inc.
PO Box 948
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Dear Sandi:

The financial statements of Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan for the year ended December 31, 2022 are complete. An electronic copy of the audited financial statements has been sent via email.

Your 2022 Form 5500 annual return/report, including all required attachments and schedules, are required to be filed electronically. Therefore, attach the final FS PDF to your Form 5500 but DO NOT encrypt or password protect the PDF copy or EFAST2 filing as doing so will remove the PDF from your filing and you may receive an error indicating an attachment is missing. The filing deadline is October 16, 2023 and we recommend submitting your filing as soon as possible in order to allow enough time for processing and acceptance by the Department of Labor.

Even though the Form 5500 must be filed electronically, the administrator must keep a copy of the Form 5500, including the schedule and attachments, with all required signatures on file as part of the Plan's records, and must make a paper copy available upon request to participants, beneficiaries, and the DOL as required by ERISA.

If the financial statements are reproduced, they should be reproduced in their entirety. Also, please forward to us, for our review prior to publication, any document that will contain reproductions of the financial statements.

Also enclosed is our audit communications wrap up letter.

If you have any questions, please call Shawn Van Horn or me.

Sincerely,

Hagen, Kurth, Perman & Co., P.S.

Bryson G. Hatch, C.P.A.

BGH: jh

Enclosures

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To the Plan Trustees:

Member of



We have audited the financial statements of Valmark, Inc. Retirement 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] for the year ended December 31, 2022, and we will issue our report thereon dated October 5, 2023. 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 Ascensus 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 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 the information about our responsibility 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 planning letter to you dated August 30, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate 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 2022. 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.

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Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements 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. No significant accounting estimates were noted for 2022.

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 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. Management has corrected all such misstatements. Attached is a schedule that summarizes the audit adjustments that were recorded on the financial statements. There were no uncorrected misstatements.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management as 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 5, 2023.

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.

Timely Remittance of Participant Contributions

The Department of Labor (DOL) continues to focus on the timeliness of remittance of participant contributions in employee benefit plans. Per the DOL regulation 2510.3-102(b), “employers are required to remit the employee contributions to the plan as soon as they can be reasonably segregated from the employer’s general assets, but no later than the 15th business day of the month following the month in which the participant contributions are withheld or received by the employer”. The DOL considers employee-withheld contributions to be Plan assets on the date that the contributions are withheld from the employees’ wages. The DOL has indicated that they are committed to enforcing this regulation and has made it clear that making deposits by the 15th day of the following month is not a safe harbor and, if the assets can be segregated at earlier dates, then employers are required to deposit the contributions into plan accounts at the earlier dates.

Deposits that have not been remitted to the Plan timely are considered to be prohibited transactions and disclosure is required on Schedule H (line 4(a)) of the Form 5500 filed with the DOL and in the audited financial statements.

Management has represented that the deposits have been made timely. We recommend that management continue to review its processes and procedures to determine that the Plan is in compliance with the DOL regulations.

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. These discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Supplemental Schedules

Our responsibility for the ERISA-required supplemental schedule accompanying the financial statements is to perform adequate procedures to evaluate whether the form and content of the ERISA-required supplemental schedule, 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 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).

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This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Plan Administrative Committee and management of the Plan and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

HAGEN, KURTH, PERMAN & CO., P.S.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "BGH", followed by a horizontal line.

Bryson G. Hatch, C.P.A.

BGH: jh

Enclosure

cc: Sandi Guard, Valmark, Inc.

Valmark, Inc. Retirement Plan
AJE Summary
December 31, 2022

HKP NOTE: This workpaper details all adjustments between the certified statement from Ascensus and the financial statement presentation. Standard reclassifications are detailed at TB and are not included below.

Description	W/P Ref	Debit	Credit
Adjusting Journal Entries JE #1			
To record the CY employee and employer contributions receivable.			
	TB		
Employee contributions receivable	X-2	8,814	
Employer safe harbor contributions receivable	X-2	5,286	
Employee contributions	X-2		8,814
Employer safe harbor contributions	X-2		5,286
Total		<u>14,100</u>	<u>14,100</u>
Adjusting Journal Entries JE #2			
To reverse the PY employee and employer contributions receivable recorded in the cash basis Ascensus report.			
	PY/TB		
Net assets			18,615
Employee contributions		8,298	
Employer safe harbor contributions		10,317	
Total		<u>18,615</u>	<u>18,615</u>
Adjusting Journal Entries JE #3			
To record the accrued interest on loans at year end and reverse prior year accrual.			
	TB		
Notes receivable from participants	D-2.1	668	
Interest income on participant loans	D-2.1		668
Net assets	PY		542
Interest income on participant loans	PY	542	
Total		<u>1,210</u>	<u>1,210</u>

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
		2022
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning		and ending	
A Name of plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►		
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500		D Employer Identification Number (EIN)	

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

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

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

Liabilities

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

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l		
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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)		
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
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)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(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)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)		
(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)		
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other.....	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		
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:

(2) EIN:

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			

	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			
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			
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			
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?			
4e			
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?			
4f			
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			
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			
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4i			
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			
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			
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l			
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m			
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 _____.			

Attachment to 2022 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

Plan Name VALMARK, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

EIN: 91-1110337

Plan Sponsor's Name VALMARK, INC.

PN: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	American Funds	American Funds Bond Fund of Amer A	0	818,992
	American Funds	American Funds Income Fd Of America A	0	759,293
	American Funds	American Funds Inv Company Of Ameri	0	1,913,267
	American Funds	American Funds New Perspective Fund A	0	1,451,424
	American Funds	American Funds SMALLCAP World Fund A	0	746,646
	American Funds	American Funds Growth Fund of America A	0	770,310
	American Funds	American Funds Cap World Gr and InCA	0	362,882

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