

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 THE PAPER TIGERS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN 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) THE PAPER TIGERS, INC. 20 N MARTINGALE ROAD SUITE 250 SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001	
	1c Effective date of plan	10/17/1968	
	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)	36-3857275	
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number	847-919-6500	
	2d Business code (see instructions)	424100	

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.	10/16/2023	NICHOLAS HALPER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN
		3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 132
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) 69
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 58
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c 53
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 111
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 111
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....		6g 111
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: 2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 3H		
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:		
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) ☒ Insurance	(1) ☒ Insurance	
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	
(3) ☒ Trust	(3) ☒ Trust	
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	(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		b General Schedules
(1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) ☒ H (Financial Information)	
(2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan)	
(3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) ☒ 1 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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022	
A Name of plan THE PAPER TIGERS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE PAPER TIGERS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-3857275

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	502325-01	9	01/01/2022	12/31/2022

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

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	4	271732
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	0

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount..... Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT**

b Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 273578

c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	12263	
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)	0	
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)	2514	
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	4789	
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	1254	

▶ **LOAN PAYMENTS, FORFEITURES**

(6) Total additions..... **7c(6)** 20820

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)..... **7d** 294398

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	335
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	1312
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	21019
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	

▶

(5) Total deductions..... **7e(5)** 22666

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 271732

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve.....	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	0
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs.....	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges.....	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention.....		9c(1)(H)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement.....		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).).....		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE PAPER TIGERS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-3857275	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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?
64	RECORDKEEPER	15927	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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?
28	INVESTMENT MGMT	4195	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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
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Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
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 Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a		0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):				
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)		0	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		0	0
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		0	0
c General investments:				
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)		0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):				
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):				
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		0	0
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)		0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)		0	0
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)		81621	127540
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)		0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)			
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)		0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)		3907997	3508121
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		273578	271732
(15) Other	1c(15)		0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	4263196	3907393

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
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	4263196	3907393
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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)	141520	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	162327	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	64427	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		368274
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	3282	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	2514	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		5796
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	107551	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		107551
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(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)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(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)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-705884
c Other income	2c		643
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-223620
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	111891	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		111891
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		170
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	15927	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	4195	
(4) Other	2i(4)	0	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		20122
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		132183
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-355803
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: **MOWERY & SCHOENFELD, LLC**

(2) EIN: **36-4111140**

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		20273

	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 THE PAPER TIGERS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE PAPER TIGERS, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-3857275
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): 20-3691708		
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 _____

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18	If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐
19	If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c) a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt: ☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)? ☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____
20	PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20. a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box: ☐ Yes. ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

October 10, 2023

To the Plan Administrator and Trustees
The Paper Tigers, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan
20 N. Martingale Road, Suite 250
Schaumburg, IL 60173

We have audited the financial statements of The Paper Tigers, Inc. Profit Sharing 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 have issued our report thereon dated October 10, 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 Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC, the custodians, which are banks or similar institutions or insurance carriers that are regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP. Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 9, 2023 and further orally during our discussion on September 20, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Plan are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 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.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There are no sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements include information prepared and certified by the custodians, fair value measurements of investments, prohibited transactions, and fully benefit-responsive investment contracts.

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 auditors' report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing our audit.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

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

Reportable Findings

For purposes of this letter, a reportable finding is a matter that includes one or more of the following: (1) noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations, (2) a finding that in our professional judgment is significant and relevant to you regarding your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process, and (3) an indication of internal control deficiencies identified during the audit that have not been previously communicated to management by other parties and that we determined are sufficiently important to merit management's attention. Please refer to our separate communication of reportable findings included in our internal controls letter dated October 10, 2023.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' 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 10, 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 auditors’ opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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

Other Matters

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

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

Very truly yours,

Mowery & Schoenfeld LLC

Mowery & Schoenfeld, LLC
Lincolnshire, Illinois

October 10, 2023

To the Plan Administrator and Trustees
The Paper Tigers, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan
20 N. Martingale Road, Suite 250
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, in planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of The Paper Tigers, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan (“the Plan”), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Plan’s system of internal control over financial reporting (“internal control”) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of issuing our report on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan’s internal control.

We were engaged to perform an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of those financial statements as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (“investment information”) by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit also did not include a consideration of internal control relating to the investment information.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraphs and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Plan’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. A reportable finding is an indication of deficiencies in internal control identified during the audit that have not been communicated to management by other parties and that, in the auditors’ professional judgment, are of sufficient importance to merit management’s attention. We consider the following deficiencies in the Plan’s internal control to be significant deficiencies and reportable findings:

(a) Participant Entry Dates and Deferral Contributions

During our audit, we noted inconsistencies in the timing of when employee deferrals began. Upon further evaluation, we noted that for some newly hired employees, the plan sponsor was not following the terms of the Plan's adoption agreement dated July 28, 2021 stating deferral contributions should not start until the employee reaches 21 years of age and completes 3 months of service, and the entry date should be the first of the month coinciding with or following the date the eligibility requirements are met. The Plan was allowing deferrals to start on the date of eligibility, or earlier, rather than the defined entry date. As a result, there were excess deferral contributions made for several employees selected for testing. After discussion with the plan sponsor personnel, Dawn Olson, we determined this issue affected the majority of the newly eligible participants during 2022. We recommend that the plan sponsor review the Plan enrollment procedures and make corrections to ensure future newly eligible participants do not begin contributing to the Plan until the correct plan entry dates. We also recommend the plan sponsor work with the TPA and/or ERISA counsel to determine if any corrective distributions are required.

(b) Missed Deferral Opportunity

During our audit, we noted one employee (Brian Lewis) that submitted a signed deferral election in 2021 that was never implemented. This resulted in a missed deferral opportunity for the employee from June 1, 2021 through February 10, 2022; the employee made a new election online on February 3, 2022 that was implemented on the February 17, 2022 paycheck. The plan sponsor should work with Empower to calculate the correction needed for the missed deferral opportunity plus lost earnings and submit the necessary qualified nonelective contribution as soon as possible. We also recommend the plan sponsor review employee files for any hardcopy deferral elections previously submitted and ensure they were properly implemented.

(c) Eligible Compensation

During our census reconciliation, we noted that paid parental leave was improperly excluded from eligible compensation. Per the plan document, the only exclusion from eligible compensation should be fringe benefits (i.e. auto allowances, etc.). Total paid parental leave was \$1,104 in 2022, and the only employee that received this form of compensation was not deferring into the Plan when it was received. Although there were no errors related to this in 2022, we recommend that the plan sponsor review all new compensation items setup in payroll to ensure they are properly coded as eligible/ineligible per the plan document.

(d) Timeliness of Employee Contribution Deposits

During our testing of employee payroll deferrals and loan repayments, it was noted that the employee contributions and loan repayments for one payroll period were not remitted to the Plan within the window generally allowed by the Department of Labor; this late remittance totaled \$7,937 for the year ended December 31, 2022. Per Department of Labor Rules and Regulations, employee salary deferrals and loan repayments should be remitted to the Plan as soon as they can reasonably be identified and separated from the plan sponsor's general assets. Failure to follow deposit rules causes the employer to calculate and provide lost earnings to all affected participants, and the IRS may impose a 15% penalty on the lost earnings amount. We recommend the Plan Sponsor remit employee contributions and loan repayments to the Plan once the payroll is completed to avoid any discrepancies and penalties.

(e) Discretionary Employer Profit-sharing Contributions

Although there was no discretionary employer profit-sharing contribution for the year ended December 31, 2022, that decision is not formally documented. Written documentation should be retained by the plan sponsor of the decision regarding the discretionary employer profit-sharing contribution for each plan year to ensure that the employer profit-sharing contribution is properly applied. This should be performed through the minutes of meetings of the plan sponsor personnel.

(f) Use of Forfeitures

The Internal Revenue Code requires forfeitures to be used on an annual basis. We noted that the Plan maintains a suspense account where it has allowed forfeitures to accumulate. We recommend that the Plan use these forfeitures, in accordance with the plan document, on at least an annual basis. The plan document permits the Plan to use forfeitures to reduce employer contributions or to pay Plan administrative expenses.

(g) Plan Enrollment Election Forms Were Not Maintained on File for All Employees

During our audit of plan eligibility and enrollment, we noted that the plan sponsor did not have a signed participation enrollment form or waiver form on file for two eligible employees out of our ten selections. ERISA regulations require plans to provide all eligible employees with important information about the plans' features and enrollment options available. To help ensure that the Plan remains in compliance with this regulation, we recommend the plan sponsor require all employees to sign a participation enrollment form or waiver when they become eligible to participant in the Plan, as evidence of their intent to participate or opt-out, and also retain documentation related to any deferral changes that are not made via the Empower website or participant service center.

(h) Participation Agreements for Metropolitan Fiber and PT Trucking

During our audit, we noted that there are no signed participation agreements for Metropolitan Fiber, Inc. or PT Trucking, LLC included with the January 1, 2021 or the July 28, 2021 adoption agreements. The representative at Empower confirmed these two entities were listed as participating employers in the previous plan documents (prior to the move to Empower), but it does not appear they were included in either of the restated plan documents. We recommend that the plan sponsor work with Empower to prepare an amendment that includes these related entities as participating employers retroactive to the date the new plan document with Empower (formerly Great-West) was adopted.

During our audit, we also became aware of deficiencies in internal control other than significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, and the following other matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency:

(i) Review of Service Auditors' Reports

Currently, third-party service organizations perform a significant amount of the processing of the Plan's transactions. As such, many of the Plan's transactions, including the way in which such transactions are initiated, recorded in accounting records, processed, and reported in the Plan's financial statements, are affected not only by the Plan's own internal controls, but by the controls of the service organizations that process them. Because plan management is responsible for establishing controls to ensure that Plan transactions are timely and accurately processed and reported in its

financial statements, plan management obtains and reviews the SOC 1 reports on controls at the service organizations. Based on that review, plan management is aided in determining whether the plan sponsor has effectively designed controls to help ensure the (a) proper and complete transmission of data to the service organizations, (b) proper processing of data and complete receipt of data from the service organizations, and (c) timely reconciliation of data received by the service organizations. However, we noted that management does not document its review of the SOC 1 reports in the Plan's annual minutes. Therefore, we recommend that it do so as part of obtaining its understanding of the design and implementation of controls used to process transactions at the service organizations.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various Plan personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the plan administrator, trustees, management, and others within the Plan, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Mowery & Schoenfeld LLC

Mowery & Schoenfeld, LLC
Lincolnshire, Illinois

THE PAPER TIGERS, INC.
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
Schaumburg, Illinois

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(See independent auditors' report)

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Schaumburg, Illinois

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Trustees
The Paper Tigers, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan
Schaumburg, Illinois

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of The Paper Tigers, Inc. Profit Sharing 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 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 (“GAAS”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our 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 the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management’s election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management’s responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

Auditors’ 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 auditors’ report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our 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 Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(a) – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions and Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

Mowery & Schoenfeld LLC

Mowery & Schoenfeld, LLC

Lincolnshire, Illinois
October 10, 2023

THE PAPER TIGERS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value (Notes 3 and 4):		
Mutual funds	\$ 3,508,121	\$ 3,907,997
Investment, at contract value (Notes 3 and 5)	<u>271,732</u>	<u>273,578</u>
Total investments	<u>3,779,853</u>	<u>4,181,575</u>
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants (Note 3)	<u>127,540</u>	<u>81,621</u>
Total receivables	<u>127,540</u>	<u>81,621</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 3,907,393</u>	<u>\$ 4,263,196</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

ADDITIONS

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Interest	\$ 3,157
Dividends	107,551
Total investment income	<u>110,708</u>

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	3,282
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Contributions:

Participants	162,327
Employer	141,520
Rollover	64,427
Total contributions	<u>368,274</u>

Total additions	<u>482,264</u>
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DEDUCTIONS

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	705,884
Benefits paid to participants	112,061
Administrative expenses	20,122
Total deductions	<u>838,067</u>

NET DECREASE IN ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	(355,803)
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Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	<u>4,263,196</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 3,907,393</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The Paper Tigers, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a qualified defined contribution plan sponsored by numerous companies under common ownership, collectively referred to as "The Paper Tigers, Inc." ("the Company"). The Plan covers all non-union full-time employees who have reached 21 years of age and who have completed three months of service, subject to monthly plan entry dates (Note 11). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to the maximum dollar amount allowable as established by the Internal Revenue Service, as defined by the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified benefit or contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers investment options through Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC, the custodians of the Plan's investments, which include the group annuity contract and mutual funds through various registered investment companies.

The Plan requires the Company to make safe harbor nonelective contributions equal to 3% of compensation for eligible participants. The Plan also allows the Company to make discretionary additional matching contributions up to 6% of eligible participant compensation, and discretionary employer profit-sharing contributions. The Company made safe harbor nonelective contributions of \$141,520 to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2022. The Company did not make or accrue a discretionary additional matching contribution or a discretionary profit-sharing contribution to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, qualified rollover contributions, allocations of the Company's contributions, Plan earnings (losses), and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based upon participant earnings (losses) or account balances, as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and the Company's nonelective safe-harbor contributions, plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in discretionary additional matching and employer profit-sharing contributions allocated to individual participants, plus actual earnings (losses) thereon, is based upon years of service as defined in the Plan. A participant is 100% vested after six years of service. In the event of death or retirement at designated ages, participants become 100% vested in their accounts.

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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (continued)

Notes Receivable From Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 and up to a maximum that is equal to the lesser of \$50,000, or 50% of their vested account balances. Principal and interest are paid ratably through regular payroll deductions. Loan terms range from 1 to 5 years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts and bear interest at the prime rate at the time of issuance. Interest rates ranged from 3.25% to 7.00% at December 31, 2022.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, retirement or any other reason, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. In addition, hardship withdrawals and in-service distributions are permitted if certain criteria are met. The Plan document also required post-severance mandatory force-out distributions for account balances under \$5,000.

Forfeited Accounts

The Plan maintains a non-vested forfeiture account. Forfeited balances of terminated participant's non-vested accounts may be used by the Company to pay Plan expenses or used to reduce any nonelective safe-harbor or discretionary matching contributions. Forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$16,251 and \$15,594 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. No forfeitures were used during 2022.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value with the exception of the fully benefit-responsive investment contract which is reported at contract 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 custodian. Refer to Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transaction under the terms of the Plan.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the group annuity contract and mutual funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Notes Receivable From Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for loan losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 and 2021. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the note receivable to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administration Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Expenses paid by the Plan are allocated proportionately among the accounts of all participants in the Plan. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account. Investment related expenses are included as a decrease in net appreciation or an increase in net depreciation of fair value of investments. The Plan made direct payments of \$20,122 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

CARES Act Provisions

Effective January 1, 2020, the Plan adopted the special Coronavirus-related distributions ("CRD") in accordance with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") for the period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. Qualified participants were permitted to take a CRD of up to \$100,000 from the Plan. Participants who took a CRD have the option to have the distribution taxed over a three-year period, with the ability to recontribute up to the full amount of the distribution within three years and not be subject to federal income tax as a result. The Plan also waived minimum distributions requirements for any distribution required to be made in 2020.

No formal amendment was made during the period 2020 through 2022 related to these provisions; however, the Plan signed a letter of intent to amend the Plan for the CARES Act provisions that were adopted prior to December 31, 2025.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 10, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

NOTE 3 – INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY CUSTODIANS

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental information as of December 31 was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified to as complete and accurate by the custodians of the Plan, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC in 2022, and Great West-Life & Annuity Insurance Company and Great West Trust Company, LLC in 2021:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Investments, at fair value		
Mutual funds	\$ 3,508,121	\$ 3,907,997
Investment, at contract value		
Group annuity contract	271,732	273,578
Notes receivable from participants	127,540	81,621

The custodians also certified the completeness and accuracy of \$705,884 of net depreciation in fair value of investments, \$110,708 of interest and dividend income from mutual funds and the group annuity contract, and \$3,282 of interest income on notes receivable from participants, related to the aforementioned assets for the year ended December 31, 2022.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include the following:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Mutual funds (level 1): Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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

The following tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Mutual funds	\$ 3,508,121	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,508,121
Investments, at fair value	\$ 3,508,121	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,508,121

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021				
	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Mutual funds	\$ 3,907,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,907,997
Investments, at fair value	\$ 3,907,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,907,997

NOTE 5 – GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY

The Plan's investments include a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America ("Empower"), formerly Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company in 2021, totaling \$271,732 and \$273,578 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Empower maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 1.00%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

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NOTE 5 – GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY (continued)

Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Empower, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include: (1) amendments to the plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA, or (5) premature termination of the contract. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (2) a breach of material obligation under the contract, (3) a material misrepresentation, or (4) a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of the issuer.

NOTE 6 – RELATED PARTY AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC in 2022 and were managed by Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company and Great West Trust Company, LLC in 2021, the custodians of the Plan; and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

As described in Note 2, the Company may pay certain administrative expenses related to Plan operations to various service providers. In addition, employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

Notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

NOTE 7 – PLAN TERMINATION

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

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NOTE 8 – TAX STATUS

On November 14, 2022, the Internal Revenue Service stated that the non-standardized pre-approved plan document adopted by the Plan, as then designed, qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). Although the Plan has not received a determination letter specific to the Plan itself, and the Plan has been amended since the basic plan document was adopted, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. No assets or liabilities relative to uncertain tax positions are recorded as of December 31, 2022 and 2021. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. However, as of December 31, 2022, there were no audits in progress for any open tax periods.

NOTE 9 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

NOTE 10 – PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS

In 2022 and 2021, the plan sponsor failed to deposit certain participant contributions within the required timeframe as stated by the Department of Labor. The Department of Labor considers late deposits to be prohibited transactions as disclosed in the accompanying supplementary information. Management intends to correct the calendar year 2022 and 2021 delinquent contributions outside the VFCP in 2023.

NOTE 11 – PLAN AMENDMENTS

Effective January 1, 2021, the Plan was amended and restated for eligibility and entry to change from nineteen years of age and one month of service to twenty-one years of age and three months of service. Additionally, part time, temporary, and seasonal employees with less than 1,000 regularly scheduled hours were also excluded from being able to contribute to the Plan.

Effective July 28, 2021, the Plan was amended and restated to include a 59 ½ in-service distribution type.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

THE PAPER TIGERS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN

SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4(a) – SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

(See independent auditors' report)

Name of plan sponsor: The Paper Tigers, Inc.
Employer identification number: 36-3857275
Three digit plan number: 001

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan				Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			
X		Check here if late participant loan repayments are included			Contributions corrected outside VFCP	Contributions pending correction in VFCP	Total fully corrected under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Amount withheld		Date withheld	Date remitted	Contributions not corrected			
\$ 254	^	1/7/2021	12/30/2021	\$ 254	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
208	^	1/14/2021	12/30/2021	208	-	-	-
5,542	^	1/21/2021	12/30/2021	5,542	-	-	-
5,825	^	2/4/2021	2/26/2021	5,825	-	-	-
394	^	2/11/2021	2/26/2021	394	-	-	-
113	^	3/4/2021	3/19/2021	113	-	-	-
7,937	^	9/1/2022	9/20/2022	7,937	-	-	-
<u>\$ 20,273</u>				<u>\$ 20,273</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

^ Management intends to correct the 2021 and 2022 delinquent contributions outside VFCP in 2023.

THE PAPER TIGERS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN

SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DECEMBER 31, 2022

(See independent auditors' report)

Name of plan sponsor: The Paper Tigers, Inc.

Employer identification number: 36-3857275

Plan number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, 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
		<u>Mutual Funds</u>		
	American Funds	American Funds American Balanced R6	**	\$ 1,013,440
	American Funds	American Funds New Perspective R6	**	38,349
	American Funds	American Funds New World R6	**	22,868
	Cohen & Steers	Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Z	**	43,961
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA Enhanced US Large Company I	**	21,313
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA International Small Cap Growth	**	34,167
*	Empower	Empower International Value Instl	**	178,625
*	Empower	Empower T. Rowe Price Mid Cap Gr Instl	**	3,333
	JPMorgan	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6	**	80,869
	JPMorgan	JPMorgan Total Return R6	**	160,813
*	MassMutual	MassMutual Small Cp Grth Eqty I	**	8,019
	PIMCO Group	PIMCO Income Instl	**	47,506
	PIMCO Group	PIMCO Real Return Instl	**	161,832
	Putnam	Putnam Large Cap Value R6	**	63,004
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2010 Inst	**	109,061
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	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2025 Inst	**	29,626
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2030 Inst	**	150,480
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2035 Inst	**	140,990
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	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2045 Inst	**	35,294
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2050 Inst	**	37,473
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2055 Inst	**	30,552
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	**	153,245
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard International Growth Admiral	**	4,055
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral	**	75,393
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Mid-Cap Value Index Admiral	**	22,869
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral	**	45,902
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Admiral	**	36,267
	Total Mutual Funds			<u>3,508,121</u>
		<u>Group Annuity Contract</u>		
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America	Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	**	271,732
		<u>Notes Receivable from Participants</u>		
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from 3.25% to 7.00%	-0-	<u>127,540</u>
	Total			<u><u>\$ 3,907,393</u></u>

* Indicates a party in interest

** Cost omitted for participant-directed investments

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Employer Identification No.: ► 36-3857275

Plan year (beginning/ending):▶ 01/01/2022 / 12/31/2022 Plan number: ▶ 001

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THE PAPER TIGERS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN

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DECEMBER 31, 2022

(See independent auditors' report)

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