

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☒ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a Name of plan <u>ARES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>ARES MANAGEMENT LLC</u> <u>2000 AVENUE OF THE STARS</u> <u>12TH FLOOR</u> <u>LOS ANGELES, CA 90067</u>		
1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2003</u>		
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>27-2078839</u>		
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>310-201-4200</u>		
2d Business code (see instructions) <u>525990</u>		

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/20/2023	MELISSA REPERT
	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 27-2078839 4d PN																				
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6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits..... d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)..... h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">6a(1)</td> <td style="width: 90%; text-align: right;">1503</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6a(2)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1728</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6b</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6c</td> <td style="text-align: right;">419</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6d</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2147</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6e</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6f</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2147</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6g</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2030</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6h</td> <td style="text-align: right;">96</td> </tr> </table>			6a(1)	1503	6a(2)	1728	6b	0	6c	419	6d	2147	6e	0	6f	2147	6g	2030	6h	96
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 3H b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:																						
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor																					
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)																						
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ 0 A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)																					

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2022
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan ARES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARES MANAGEMENT LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-2078839	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	162765	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	29203	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	ACCOUNTANT/A UDITOR	19055	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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BAIRD MID CAP INST - US BANCORP FU 39-0281260	0.06%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BARON PARTNERS INST - DST SYSTEMS 43-1581814	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARES MANAGEMENT LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-2078839	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MN CURRIE EMG MKT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 82-4565709-376	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2191131
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CB SMALL CAP GR R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 38-4065336-434	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2066125
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHRODER INTL ALPHA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 46-4679164-072	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9792884
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: C&S US REALTY A		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 46-3411346-064	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4935488
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GALLIARD STBLE RTN C		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 52-2250946-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9870462
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)**

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Asset and Liability Statement			
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	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)	91627	97984
(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)	1940261	2285371
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	32277423	28856090
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(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)	291030150	256157049
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	0	0
(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	325339461	287396494

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
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	325339461	287396494
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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)	13708275	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	30789541	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	5104097	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	49601913
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	1238	
(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)	101589	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		102827
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	12344229
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	12344229	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		12344229
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	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)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	0
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		-5026637
(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)		-78801738
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-21779406
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	15942955	
(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)		15942955
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		9584
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other	2i(4)	211022	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		211022
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		16163561
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-37942967
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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: **VASQUEZ & COMPANY, LLP**

(2) EIN: **33-0700332**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		20000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n		X	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 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 ARES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARES MANAGEMENT LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-2078839
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
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-6568107		
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

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(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 _____



Ares Retirement Savings Plan
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Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Administrator Ares Retirement Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Ares Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 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 (DOL) 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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



- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2022, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.



For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or are 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 DOL'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 are derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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).

Glendale, California
September 7, 2023

Ares Retirement Savings Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

		December 31	
		2022	2021 (As Restated)
		<u>2022</u>	<u>(As Restated)</u>
ASSETS			
Investments at fair value			
Mutual funds	\$	285,013,139	\$ 323,307,573
Money market fund		97,984	91,627
Total investments at fair value		<u>285,111,123</u>	<u>323,399,200</u>
Receivables			
Employer contributions		1,771,036	3,123,906
Participants contributions		216,052	414,759
Notes receivable from participants		2,285,371	1,940,260
Total receivables		<u>4,272,459</u>	<u>5,478,925</u>
Total assets		289,383,582	328,878,125
LIABILITIES			
Excess contributions payable		<u>-</u>	<u>23,230</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$	<u>289,383,582</u>	\$ <u>328,854,895</u>

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Ares Retirement Savings Plan
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Years ended December 31	
	2022	2021 (As Restated)
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ -	\$ 31,897,246
Interest and dividends	<u>12,345,468</u>	<u>16,008,270</u>
Total investment income	<u>12,345,468</u>	<u>47,905,516</u>
Interest income on notes receivables from participants	<u>101,589</u>	<u>79,322</u>
Contributions		
Participants	30,614,064	23,552,322
Employer	12,355,405	9,299,589
Rollovers	<u>5,104,097</u>	<u>32,625,682</u>
Total contributions	<u>48,073,566</u>	<u>65,477,593</u>
Net assets transferred in from affiliated plan	<u>-</u>	<u>152,918</u>
Total additions	<u>60,520,623</u>	<u>113,615,349</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	83,828,375	-
Benefits paid to participants	15,952,539	16,481,303
Administrative fees	211,022	206,571
Net assets transferred out to affiliated plan	<u>-</u>	<u>43,755</u>
Total deductions	<u>99,991,936</u>	<u>16,731,629</u>
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits	(39,471,313)	96,883,720
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>328,854,895</u>	<u>231,971,175</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ <u>289,383,582</u>	\$ <u>328,854,895</u>

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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of Ares Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a 401(k) profit-sharing plan covering all employees of Ares Management LLC (the Company or Plan Administrator) who are age 18 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Plan Amendments

Effective January 1, 2022, employer match will be provided on a "per plan year" basis to employees actively employed on the last of the year. Effective January 3, 2022, the deferral limit plus additional employee contributions cannot exceed 75% of the participant's eligible compensation.

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 75% in 2022 and 95% in 2021 of their eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan or the maximum amount allowable under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Participants who have attained the age of 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company may make discretionary matching contributions subject to the approval of the Company's Board of Directors. The Company contributions are invested in the same manner as the participants' contributions.

Participant Accounts

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

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after three years of credited services.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant or beneficiary may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments over a period of years determined by the participant. In accordance with the IRC, hardship withdrawals are allowed to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need.

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the vested balance of their account. Participants are limited to one loan at any given time. The loans are secured by the vested balance in the participants' accounts and bear interest ranging from 3.25% to 7.25% which is commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited nonvested employer contributions will be used to reduce future employer matching contributions or to pay administrative expenses of the Plan. The changes in the Plan's forfeiture account balance for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Balance, January 1	\$ 191,960	\$ 77,073
Forfeitures during the year	289,563	305,118
Interest earned and other adjustments	8,480	8,680
Forfeitures used during the year to pay administrative expenses	<u>(180,017)</u>	<u>(198,911)</u>
Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 309,986</u>	<u>\$ 191,960</u>

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition

Investments are stated at fair value as reported to the Plan by Fidelity Management Trust Company (FMTTC). 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. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurement.

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.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments

Realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments is calculated based on the difference between the fair value of the assets at the beginning of the year, or at the time of purchase for assets purchased during the year, and the related fair value on the day investments are sold with respect to realized appreciation (depreciation), or on the last day of the year for unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

Realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is recorded in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits as net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are treated as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Generally, expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan are paid by the Company. Participant-directed fees such as loan set-up fees are charged against the participant's account.

Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. The Plan distributed the 2021 excess contributions to the applicable participants prior to March 3, 2022. There were no excess contributions as of December 31, 2022.

NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. The 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 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). 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, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets and/or quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.

NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED)

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability and/or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Following are descriptions of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

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

Money market fund: The fair value of this investment is based on quoted market prices in active markets.

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.

All the Plan's investments at fair value amounting to \$285,111,123 and \$323,399,200 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, are classified as Level 1.

NOTE 4 INCOME TAX STATUS

The Company adopted a Prototype Non-Standardized Profit Sharing Plan, which states that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has been amended. However, the Company believes that the Plan currently is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

NOTE 4 INCOME TAX STATUS (CONTINUED)

U.S. GAAP requires 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 IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 5 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 and the net assets of the Plan will be allocated among the participants and their beneficiaries after payment of any expenses properly chargeable to the Plan, in accordance with the provisions of ERISA.

NOTE 6 FINANCIAL INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE

The Plan's asset information as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the years then ended, included throughout the Plan's financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, were obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified by FMTC), the custodian of the Plan. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the custodian that information provided to the Plan Administrator by the custodian related to the Plan's assets is complete and accurate. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan Administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to information which appears throughout the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule related to the following:

- Investments, as reflected in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021;
- Investment activity, as reflected in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021;
- Investment information disclosed in Note 3 to the Plan's financial statements; and,
- Investments, as reflected in Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2022.

NOTE 7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds either managed or issued through FMTC or an affiliate. FMTC is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Plan to the trustee amounted to \$211,022 and \$206,571 for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

NOTE 8 TRANSFERS IN TO AND OUT OF THE PLAN

In 2021, assets of the Plan amounting to \$43,755 which were owned by certain participants who were transferred to the Company's affiliate were transferred to the affiliate's retirement savings plan, as permitted under the IRC.

Moreover, assets of the affiliate's retirement savings plan amounting to \$152,918 which were owned by certain participants who were transferred to the Company were transferred to the Plan, as permitted under the IRC.

No similar transaction occurred in 2022.

NOTE 9 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

NOTE 10 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2022 and 2021 to Form 5500:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u> (As Restated)
Net assets available for benefits as reported on Form 5500	\$ 287,396,494	\$ 325,339,460
Add: Employer contributions receivable	1,771,036	3,123,906
Add: Employee contributions receivable	216,052	414,759
Less: Excess contributions payable	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,230)</u>
Net assets available for benefits as reported on the financial statements	<u>\$ 289,383,582</u>	<u>\$ 328,854,895</u>

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NOTE 10 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500 (CONTINUED)

The following is a reconciliation of the changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 to Form 5500:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u> (As Restated)
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ (39,471,313)	\$ 96,883,720
Less: Employer contributions receivable - current year	(1,771,036)	(3,123,906)
Less: Employee contributions receivable - current year	(216,052)	(414,759)
Add: Employer contributions receivable - prior year	3,123,906	1,830,815
Add: Employee contributions receivable - prior year	414,759	-
Add: Excess contributions payable - current year	-	23,230
Less: Excess contributions payable - prior year	(23,230)	-
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits as reported on Form 5500	<u>\$ (37,942,966)</u>	<u>\$ 95,199,100</u>

NOTE 11 RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Plan's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 have been corrected for the impact of the unrecorded participants contributions amounting to \$414,759. The impact of the restatement on the previously reported financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 is as follows:

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<u>Balance, as previously reported</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Balance, as restated</u>
Participant contributions receivables	\$ -	\$ 414,759	\$ 414,759
Net assets available for benefits	328,440,136	414,759	328,854,895

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<u>Balance, as previously reported</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Balance, as restated</u>
Participants contributions	\$ 23,137,563	\$ 414,759	\$ 23,552,322
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	96,468,961	414,759	96,883,720

NOTE 12 NONEXEMPT TRANSACTIONS

During 2022, the Company inadvertently failed to deposit participants contributions amounting to \$216,052 within the required time frame as stated by the United States Department of Labor (DOL) regulations. The related amount was corrected and deposited in 2023. This did not result in lost earnings since the Plan incurred investment losses.

NOTE 13 NEW LAWS AND REGULATIONS

On December 29, 2022, the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 (SECURED 2.0) became law. The new law makes changes to include provisions intended to expand coverage, increase retirement savings, and simplify and clarify retirement plan rules. SECURED 2.0 changed the retirement plan rules for long-term, part-time employees. The 401(k) plan requirement to allow employees to contribute elective deferral was expanded to 403(b) plans. For plan years beginning in 2024, if an employee has three consecutive 12-month periods with more than 500 hours of service in each, the employee must be eligible to enter the plan, and the period of service was reduced from three to two consecutive 12-month periods, for plans years beginning after December 31, 2024.

NOTE 14 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan Administrator has evaluated subsequent events for the Plan through September 7, 2023, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure in these financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Ares Retirement Savings Plan
Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
EIN: 01-0605583 Plan: 001
December 31, 2022

Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: ☐	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
\$ 216,052	\$ -	\$ 216,052	\$ -	\$ -

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Ares Retirement Savings Plan
Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN: 01-0605583 Plan: 001
December 31, 2022

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment	Cost	Fair value
		Mutual Funds:		
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2010 R6	**	\$ 678,977
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2015 R6	**	66,772
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2020 R6	**	633,456
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2025 R6	**	4,926,839
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2030 R6	**	9,840,142
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2035 R6	**	8,704,327
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2040 R6	**	11,843,034
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2045 R6	**	17,087,208
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2050 R6	**	16,793,582
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2055 R6	**	17,490,538
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2060 R6	**	8,049,991
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2065 R6	**	1,940,890
	American Funds	AM CENT MD CP VAL R6	**	9,205,330
	Baird Asset Management	BAIRD MID CAP INST	**	40,372
	Baron Partners Fund	BARON PARTNERS INST	**	16,968,740
	Baron Partners Fund	COL HIGH YIELD BD I3	**	2,340,563
	Clear Bridge	CB SMALL CAP GR R1	**	2,066,125
	Cohen & Steers	C&S US REALTY A	**	4,935,488
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID 500 INDEX	**	39,952,781
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID GROWTH CO K	**	42,210,241
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID INTL SUSTN IDX	**	1,266,419
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID MID CAP IDX	**	12,159,600
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID SM CAP IDX	**	8,868,404
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID SMALL CAP VALUE	**	6,020,773
	Galliard Capital Management	GALLIARD STBLE RTN C	**	9,870,462
	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	JPM EQUITY INCOME R6	**	9,445,993
	Lord Abbett Investment	LD ABT SH DTN INC R6	**	3,589,810
	Martin Currie	MN CURRIE EMG MKT R3	**	2,191,131
	Metropolitan West Financial	METWEST TOT RTN BD P	**	6,032,266
	Schroders Asset Management Company	SCHRODER INTL ALPHA	**	9,792,885
				285,013,139
		Money Market Funds:		
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID GOVT MMKT		97,984
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates ranging from 3.25% to 7.25% with maturities from 2023 to 2032		2,285,371
				\$ 287,396,494

* Represents a party-in-interest

** The cost of participant-directed investments is not required to be disclosed.

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Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Administrator Ares Retirement Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Ares Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 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 (DOL) 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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



- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2022, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.



For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or are 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 DOL'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 are derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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).

Glendale, California
September 7, 2023

Ares Retirement Savings Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

		December 31	
		2022	2021 (As Restated)
		<u>2022</u>	<u>(As Restated)</u>
ASSETS			
Investments at fair value			
Mutual funds	\$	285,013,139	\$ 323,307,573
Money market fund		97,984	91,627
Total investments at fair value		<u>285,111,123</u>	<u>323,399,200</u>
Receivables			
Employer contributions		1,771,036	3,123,906
Participants contributions		216,052	414,759
Notes receivable from participants		2,285,371	1,940,260
Total receivables		<u>4,272,459</u>	<u>5,478,925</u>
Total assets		289,383,582	328,878,125
LIABILITIES			
Excess contributions payable		<u>-</u>	<u>23,230</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$	<u>289,383,582</u>	\$ <u>328,854,895</u>

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Ares Retirement Savings Plan
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Years ended December 31	
	2022	2021 (As Restated)
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ -	\$ 31,897,246
Interest and dividends	<u>12,345,468</u>	<u>16,008,270</u>
Total investment income	<u>12,345,468</u>	<u>47,905,516</u>
Interest income on notes receivables from participants	<u>101,589</u>	<u>79,322</u>
Contributions		
Participants	30,614,064	23,552,322
Employer	12,355,405	9,299,589
Rollovers	<u>5,104,097</u>	<u>32,625,682</u>
Total contributions	<u>48,073,566</u>	<u>65,477,593</u>
Net assets transferred in from affiliated plan	<u>-</u>	<u>152,918</u>
Total additions	<u>60,520,623</u>	<u>113,615,349</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	83,828,375	-
Benefits paid to participants	15,952,539	16,481,303
Administrative fees	211,022	206,571
Net assets transferred out to affiliated plan	<u>-</u>	<u>43,755</u>
Total deductions	<u>99,991,936</u>	<u>16,731,629</u>
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits	(39,471,313)	96,883,720
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>328,854,895</u>	<u>231,971,175</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ <u>289,383,582</u>	\$ <u>328,854,895</u>

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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of Ares Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a 401(k) profit-sharing plan covering all employees of Ares Management LLC (the Company or Plan Administrator) who are age 18 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Plan Amendments

Effective January 1, 2022, employer match will be provided on a "per plan year" basis to employees actively employed on the last of the year. Effective January 3, 2022, the deferral limit plus additional employee contributions cannot exceed 75% of the participant's eligible compensation.

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 75% in 2022 and 95% in 2021 of their eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan or the maximum amount allowable under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Participants who have attained the age of 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company may make discretionary matching contributions subject to the approval of the Company's Board of Directors. The Company contributions are invested in the same manner as the participants' contributions.

Participant Accounts

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

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after three years of credited services.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant or beneficiary may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments over a period of years determined by the participant. In accordance with the IRC, hardship withdrawals are allowed to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need.

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the vested balance of their account. Participants are limited to one loan at any given time. The loans are secured by the vested balance in the participants' accounts and bear interest ranging from 3.25% to 7.25% which is commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited nonvested employer contributions will be used to reduce future employer matching contributions or to pay administrative expenses of the Plan. The changes in the Plan's forfeiture account balance for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Balance, January 1	\$ 191,960	\$ 77,073
Forfeitures during the year	289,563	305,118
Interest earned and other adjustments	8,480	8,680
Forfeitures used during the year to pay administrative expenses	<u>(180,017)</u>	<u>(198,911)</u>
Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 309,986</u>	<u>\$ 191,960</u>

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition

Investments are stated at fair value as reported to the Plan by Fidelity Management Trust Company (FMTC). 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. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurement.

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.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments

Realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments is calculated based on the difference between the fair value of the assets at the beginning of the year, or at the time of purchase for assets purchased during the year, and the related fair value on the day investments are sold with respect to realized appreciation (depreciation), or on the last day of the year for unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

Realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is recorded in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits as net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are treated as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Generally, expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan are paid by the Company. Participant-directed fees such as loan set-up fees are charged against the participant's account.

Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. The Plan distributed the 2021 excess contributions to the applicable participants prior to March 3, 2022. There were no excess contributions as of December 31, 2022.

NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. The 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 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). 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, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets and/or quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.

NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED)

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability and/or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Following are descriptions of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

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

Money market fund: The fair value of this investment is based on quoted market prices in active markets.

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.

All the Plan's investments at fair value amounting to \$285,111,123 and \$323,399,200 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, are classified as Level 1.

NOTE 4 INCOME TAX STATUS

The Company adopted a Prototype Non-Standardized Profit Sharing Plan, which states that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has been amended. However, the Company believes that the Plan currently is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

NOTE 4 INCOME TAX STATUS (CONTINUED)

U.S. GAAP requires 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 IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 5 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 and the net assets of the Plan will be allocated among the participants and their beneficiaries after payment of any expenses properly chargeable to the Plan, in accordance with the provisions of ERISA.

NOTE 6 FINANCIAL INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE

The Plan's asset information as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the years then ended, included throughout the Plan's financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, were obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified by FMTC), the custodian of the Plan. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the custodian that information provided to the Plan Administrator by the custodian related to the Plan's assets is complete and accurate. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan Administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to information which appears throughout the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule related to the following:

- Investments, as reflected in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021;
- Investment activity, as reflected in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021;
- Investment information disclosed in Note 3 to the Plan's financial statements; and,
- Investments, as reflected in Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2022.

NOTE 7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds either managed or issued through FMTC or an affiliate. FMTC is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Plan to the trustee amounted to \$211,022 and \$206,571 for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

NOTE 8 TRANSFERS IN TO AND OUT OF THE PLAN

In 2021, assets of the Plan amounting to \$43,755 which were owned by certain participants who were transferred to the Company's affiliate were transferred to the affiliate's retirement savings plan, as permitted under the IRC.

Moreover, assets of the affiliate's retirement savings plan amounting to \$152,918 which were owned by certain participants who were transferred to the Company were transferred to the Plan, as permitted under the IRC.

No similar transaction occurred in 2022.

NOTE 9 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

NOTE 10 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2022 and 2021 to Form 5500:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u> (As Restated)
Net assets available for benefits as reported on Form 5500	\$ 287,396,494	\$ 325,339,460
Add: Employer contributions receivable	1,771,036	3,123,906
Add: Employee contributions receivable	216,052	414,759
Less: Excess contributions payable	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,230)</u>
Net assets available for benefits as reported on the financial statements	<u>\$ 289,383,582</u>	<u>\$ 328,854,895</u>

Ares Retirement Savings Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
Years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

NOTE 10 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500 (CONTINUED)

The following is a reconciliation of the changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 to Form 5500:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u> (As Restated)
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ (39,471,313)	\$ 96,883,720
Less: Employer contributions receivable - current year	(1,771,036)	(3,123,906)
Less: Employee contributions receivable - current year	(216,052)	(414,759)
Add: Employer contributions receivable - prior year	3,123,906	1,830,815
Add: Employee contributions receivable - prior year	414,759	-
Add: Excess contributions payable - current year	-	23,230
Less: Excess contributions payable - prior year	(23,230)	-
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits as reported on Form 5500	<u>\$ (37,942,966)</u>	<u>\$ 95,199,100</u>

NOTE 11 RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Plan's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 have been corrected for the impact of the unrecorded participants contributions amounting to \$414,759. The impact of the restatement on the previously reported financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 is as follows:

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<u>Balance, as previously reported</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Balance, as restated</u>
Participant contributions receivables	\$ -	\$ 414,759	\$ 414,759
Net assets available for benefits	328,440,136	414,759	328,854,895

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<u>Balance, as previously reported</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Balance, as restated</u>
Participants contributions	\$ 23,137,563	\$ 414,759	\$ 23,552,322
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	96,468,961	414,759	96,883,720

NOTE 12 NONEXEMPT TRANSACTIONS

During 2022, the Company inadvertently failed to deposit participants contributions amounting to \$216,052 within the required time frame as stated by the United States Department of Labor (DOL) regulations. The related amount was corrected and deposited in 2023. This did not result in lost earnings since the Plan incurred investment losses.

NOTE 13 NEW LAWS AND REGULATIONS

On December 29, 2022, the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 (SECURED 2.0) became law. The new law makes changes to include provisions intended to expand coverage, increase retirement savings, and simplify and clarify retirement plan rules. SECURED 2.0 changed the retirement plan rules for long-term, part-time employees. The 401(k) plan requirement to allow employees to contribute elective deferral was expanded to 403(b) plans. For plan years beginning in 2024, if an employee has three consecutive 12-month periods with more than 500 hours of service in each, the employee must be eligible to enter the plan, and the period of service was reduced from three to two consecutive 12-month periods, for plans years beginning after December 31, 2024.

NOTE 14 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan Administrator has evaluated subsequent events for the Plan through September 7, 2023, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure in these financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Ares Retirement Savings Plan
Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
EIN: 01-0605583 Plan: 001
December 31, 2022

Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: ☐	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
\$ 216,052	\$ -	\$ 216,052	\$ -	\$ -

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Ares Retirement Savings Plan
Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN: 01-0605583 Plan: 001
December 31, 2022

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment	Cost	Fair value
		Mutual Funds:		
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2010 R6	**	\$ 678,977
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2015 R6	**	66,772
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2020 R6	**	633,456
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2025 R6	**	4,926,839
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2030 R6	**	9,840,142
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2035 R6	**	8,704,327
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2040 R6	**	11,843,034
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2045 R6	**	17,087,208
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2050 R6	**	16,793,582
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2055 R6	**	17,490,538
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2060 R6	**	8,049,991
	American Funds	AF TRGT DATE 2065 R6	**	1,940,890
	American Funds	AM CENT MD CP VAL R6	**	9,205,330
	Baird Asset Management	BAIRD MID CAP INST	**	40,372
	Baron Partners Fund	BARON PARTNERS INST	**	16,968,740
	Baron Partners Fund	COL HIGH YIELD BD I3	**	2,340,563
	Clear Bridge	CB SMALL CAP GR R1	**	2,066,125
	Cohen & Steers	C&S US REALTY A	**	4,935,488
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID 500 INDEX	**	39,952,781
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID GROWTH CO K	**	42,210,241
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID INTL SUSTN IDX	**	1,266,419
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID MID CAP IDX	**	12,159,600
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID SM CAP IDX	**	8,868,404
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID SMALL CAP VALUE	**	6,020,773
	Galliard Capital Management	GALLIARD STBLE RTN C	**	9,870,462
	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	JPM EQUITY INCOME R6	**	9,445,993
	Lord Abbett Investment	LD ABT SH DTN INC R6	**	3,589,810
	Martin Currie	MN CURRIE EMG MKT R3	**	2,191,131
	Metropolitan West Financial	METWEST TOT RTN BD P	**	6,032,266
	Schroders Asset Management Company	SCHRODER INTL ALPHA	**	9,792,885
				285,013,139
		Money Market Funds:		
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	FID GOVT MMKT		97,984
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates ranging from 3.25% to 7.25% with maturities from 2023 to 2032		2,285,371
				\$ 287,396,494

* Represents a party-in-interest

** The cost of participant-directed investments is not required to be disclosed.

See independent auditor's report.



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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.
ARES MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS L.P.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above
ARES MANAGEMENT LLC

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC

☐ C Corporation

☐ S Corporation

☒ Partnership

☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☐ Other (see instructions) ► _____

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.
2000 AVENUE OF THE STARS FL 12

6 City, state, and ZIP code
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

8 Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

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or

Employer identification number

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ► *Helen Ok*

Date ► 11/19/2021

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.



October 20, 2023

To: Internal Revenue Service and Department of Labor

Ref: Ares Management LLC, EIN #27-2078839

Dear Sir or Madam:

We were recently made aware of an EIN change for Ares Management LLC, the plan sponsor of the Ares Retirement Saving Plan, PN #001. The 5500 for 2022 was filed with the correct EIN on September 26, 2023. The purpose of this letter (and refile) is to explain the change in EIN to avoid any confusion with the recent filing and previous filings.

Ares Management LLC was created with EIN #01-0605583. In 2007, there was a restructuring and Ares Management LLC became a disregarded entity and uses the EIN of its regarded owner, Ares Management Holdings LP, EIN #27-2078839. Ares Holdings LP took over EIN #01-0605583. These entities are all part of the same control group/common ownership. As soon as we became aware of the change, we filed the 5500 with the correct EIN.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at mrepert@aresmgmt.com or (781) 292-7024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Repert".

Melissa Repert
Vice President, US Benefits
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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

ARES HOLDINGS L.P.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC

☐ C Corporation

☐ S Corporation

☒ Partnership

☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ►

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☐ Other (see instructions) ►

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

2000 AVENUE OF THE STARS FL 12

6 City, state, and ZIP code

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

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or

Employer identification number

0 1 - 0 6 0 5 5 8 3

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign
Here

Signature of
U.S. person ►

Date ►

5-1-2021

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.