

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>ESSENCE VENTURES, LLC 401(K) 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>ESSENCE VENTURES, LLC</u> <u>COHNREZNICK, LLP,</u> <u>34 35TH STREET</u> <u>SUITE 5A</u> <u>BROOKLYN, NY 11232</u>		
1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2019</u>		
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>82-3418584</u>		
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>631-697-1548</u>		
2d Business code (see instructions) <u>519100</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.	10/10/2023	MARTHA DENNIS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 163
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1) 76
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 92
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c 86
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 178
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 178
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....		6g 173
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		6h 15
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)		7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2J 2K 2F 2G 3D		
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) ☒ 1 A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500. ► Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022	
A Name of plan ESSENCE VENTURES, LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ESSENCE VENTURES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 82-3418584

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY U.S.A.

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
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2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 23877	(b) Total amount of fees paid 3713
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISOR 200 EAST BERRY STREET FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
23877	0	BROKER COMMISSION	3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid ATLANTIC PENSION SERVICES INC 511 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD SUITE 400 KENNETT SQUARE, PA 19348
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	3713	TPA FEES	5

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end..... **4** 3654389**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... **5****6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier **6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount..... **6d**
Specify nature of costs ▶**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY**b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 0**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)**
(2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)** 0
(3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)**
(4) Transferred from separate account **7c(4)**
(5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)**
▶(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 0**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 0**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)**
(2) Administration charge made by carrier **7e(2)**
(3) Transferred to separate account **7e(3)**
(4) Other (specify below) **7e(4)**
▶(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 0**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 0

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ESSENCE VENTURES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 82-3418584	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

13-3646501

(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?
15	RECORDKEEPER	724	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

WILSHIRE ASSOCIATES INC

95-2755361

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	630	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 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 ESSENCE VENTURES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 82-3418584	

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: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2065			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 25192	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2060			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 185005	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2055			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 485759	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2050			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 395976	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2045			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 557510	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2040			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 476119	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2035			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 418063	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2030		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 225531

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2025		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 88625

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS NEW WORLD FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 319

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA INTL SMALL COMPANY FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 355

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA INTERNATIONAL VALUE		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 12548

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA US TARGETED VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 497

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY REAL ESTATE INDEX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1118

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HARBOR MID CAP VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8722

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 34496

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PGIM JENNISON MID CAP GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7830

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TIAA-CREF SMALL-CAP BLEND IDX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11037

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD EXPLORER FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9554

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 54347

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL WORLD GROWTH & INCOME		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 50

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 28639

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL INDEX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11913

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO OPP INTL GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 23565

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK DISCIPLINED VALUE		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9421

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AB GLOBAL BOND FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 299

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FEDERATED HIGH YIELD BOND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK		
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8140

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PGIM TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2898
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TOTAL BOND MARKET FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 559
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NY LIFE INS. CO. ANCHOR ACCT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 18769
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection				
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>						
A Name of plan <u>ESSENCE VENTURES, LLC 401(K) PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%; padding: 5px;"> B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► </td> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 001 </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001		
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ESSENCE VENTURES, LLC</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%; padding: 5px;"> D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>82-3418584</u> </td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> </tr> </table>		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>82-3418584</u>			
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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	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....		1b(1)	1031937906
(2) Participant contributions.....		1b(2)	1550802
(3) Other.....		1b(3)	
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....		1c(1)	2734517263
(2) U.S. Government securities		1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred		1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other		1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred		1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common.....		1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests		1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)		1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....		1c(7)	3511542720
(8) Participant loans.....		1c(8)	
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....		1c(9)	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts		1c(10)	36712523241477
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....		1c(11)	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities		1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....		1c(13)	
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....		1c(14)	00
(15) Other		1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	3838455	3310168

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	14009	3830
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	14009	3830

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	3824446	3306338
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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)	412573	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	584977	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	73005	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1070555
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	1423	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		1423
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		-612316
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		459662
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	904288	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		904288
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		29619
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	43863	
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		43863
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		977770
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-518108
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **MORGENSTERN, WAXMAN, ELLERSHAW LLC**

(2) EIN: **81-4670608**

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		980621

	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		2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan ESSENCE VENTURES, LLC 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ESSENCE VENTURES, LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 82-3418584
Part I Distributions		
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): _____ Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....		3
Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)		
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III Amendments		
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.		
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2022 v. 220413		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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(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 _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan

**REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

December 31, 2022 and 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan
Jericho, New York

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

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

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) 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 these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) 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 Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

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

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

In our opinion—

- The form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental 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).

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morgenstern Waxman Ellershaw, LLC".

MORGENSTERN WAXMAN ELLERSHAW, LLC
Certified Public Accountants
Marlton, New Jersey
October 26, 2023

Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 17,263	\$ 27,345
Investments at fair value	3,241,477	3,671,252
Employee contribution receivable	802	1,550
Employer contribution receivable	7,906	103,193
Notes receivable from participants	<u>42,720</u>	<u>35,115</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,310,168</u>	<u>3,838,455</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Benefit claims payable	<u>3,830</u>	<u>14,009</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,830</u>	<u>14,009</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 3,306,338</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,824,446</u></u>

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Investment income:

Interest income	\$ 1,423
Total investment income	<u>1,423</u>

Contributions:

Employer's contributions	412,573
Employee's contributions	584,977
Employee's rollover contributions	73,005
Total contributions	<u>1,070,555</u>

TOTAL ADDITIONS

1,071,978

DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Net realized and unrealized loss in fair value investments	612,316
Benefits paid to participants	933,907
Administrative expenses	<u>43,863</u>

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS

1,590,086

NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS

(518,108)

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

BEGINNING OF YEAR

3,824,446

END OF YEAR

\$ 3,306,338

Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan
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NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan ("Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

GENERAL

The Plan is a defined contribution plan with a qualified automatic enrollment arrangement ("QACA") covering eligible employees of Essence Ventures, LLC's ("the Company") and affiliates. The Plan covers all employees with no minimum age requirement and excludes leased employees and those employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement. An eligible employee can become a participant in the Plan after completing three consecutive months of employment. An employee is credited with a month of service after 190 hours of service in that month. The eligible employee would be able to enter the plan on the 1st of the month coinciding with or after the three months have been obtained. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

At the end of 2022 and 2021, the following companies were participating employers in the Plan:

- Essence Ventures, LLC
- Essence Communications, Inc.

PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's contribution and Plan earnings and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are performed daily based on each participant's relative interest in the fair value of the assets held in each fund. Administrative expenses are charged at the end of each month to each participant's account.

INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct contributions in any of the investment options offered by John Hancock Life Insurance Company of New York ("John Hancock"), the custodian. Participants may change their investment allocations at any time by access to individual participant directed online accounts.

EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

A participant may contribute any amount of their compensation, subject to certain IRC limitations. Participants may elect to make deferrals as either Pre-Tax 401(k) contributions and/or Post-Tax Roth 401(k) contributions. Compensation includes most taxable income received from the Company as specified in IRS regulations. The Plan allows for direct rollover of non-spousal distributions.

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EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Under the QACA, the Company must make matching contributions of 100% of a participant's contribution up to 4% of compensation plus 50% of the next 2% for a maximum matching contribution of 5%.

CORRECTIVE DISTRIBUTIONS

Employee contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are refunded back to the employee and recorded as a reduction of employee contributions.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

All distributions and withdrawals are subject to approval by the administrator. Distributions may be made at separation from service, death or total disability. Withdrawals may be made from voluntary participant contributions, but no withdrawal may be made from any Company contributions prior to death, disability or separation from service. Participants may withdraw the sum of their salary reduction contributions due to hardship, medical care expenses, costs related to the purchase of a principal residence, payment of certain eligible tuition fees and certain other immediate and heavy financial needs as published by the Internal Revenue Service.

In the event of retirement, total and permanent disability or attainment of age 59-1/2, participants may make distributions either in a lump sum or in periodic payments over a period not to exceed life expectancy, as defined.

VESTING

Participants are immediately vested in their deferral and rollover contributions, including the earnings in those accounts. Under the QACA, participants are vested in the Company match contributions according to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Vested percentage
>1	50%
>2+	100%

Upon retirement, disability or death of a participant, the participant shall be deemed to be 100% vested in his entire account regardless of length of service. Forfeitures of non-vested account balances, if any, can be used to reduce the Company's contributions to the Plan or can be used to pay Plan expenses. The total forfeitures unused at December 31, 2022 and 2021 were \$17,263 and \$27,345, respectively.

In 2022, the Plan used \$16,571 of forfeitures to reinstate prior year miscalculated forfeitures to participant account balances. In 2021, the Plan used \$6,464 from the forfeiture account to offset contributions.

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NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS

In general, the plan administrator may at their discretion permit the Plan custodian to loan to any participant an amount not to exceed the lesser of (i) \$50,000 or (ii) 50% of the vested amount in the participant's account. Only two loans per participant can be outstanding at a time.

The interest rate on loans is determined by the Administrator and shall bear interest at a rate that is consistent with the provisions of Section 4975(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 2550.408b-1 of the Regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor and other applicable legal requirements. Interest shall remain fixed through the duration of the loan. Loans shall be repaid over a period of up to five years unless the purpose of the loan is to acquire a principal residence, in which case the loan can be repaid over a reasonable period of time. Repayments of loan principal are made through bi-weekly and semi-monthly payroll deductions and are treated as transfers from the loan fund to the participant's investment funds. Payments of interest on loans, through payroll deductions, are allocated to the participant's investment funds in a manner consistent with the allocation of the participant's elective contributions. As of December 31, 2022, the loans were due on various dates through March 2034 with interest rates between 3.25% and 7.0%.

PLAN TERMINATION

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

PARTIAL PLAN TERMINATION

As a result of a reduction of the Plan Sponsor's workforce in 2020, the Plan experienced a partial plan termination as defined by ERISA on March 12, 2020. Under ERISA, a partial plan termination may occur if a significant percentage of the Plan participants are terminated because of an action taken by the Plan Sponsor. If a partial plan termination occurs, full vesting in the employer's contribution is required for the affected participants, but the remaining participants' vesting continues to be determined per the plan provisions.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

FUNDING POLICY

The Sponsor deposits employee contributions bi-weekly and semi-monthly in conjunction with its payroll cycle. The Sponsor deposits employer contributions quarterly.

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USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the plan administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan document.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Benefits are recorded when paid.

INVESTMENT VALUATION AND INCOME RECOGNITION

Investments are stated at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note D, "Fair Value Measurements" for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AND INVESTMENT EXPENSES

The Plan pays for substantially all of the administrative expenses of the Plan. Investment expenses relating to investment management fees are charged to the participant based on the particular investment fund to which the expenses relate. The Company has paid, on a discretionary basis, other expenses such as the legal and professional fees incurred in amending and administering the Plan. Administrative expenses for distributions, loans, QDRO's and terminated participants are charged directly to the responsible participant.

DATE OF MANAGEMENT'S REVIEW

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 26, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTE C – INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE CUSTODIAN

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the U.S. Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, John Hancock Life Insurance Company of New York, the custodian of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments except for the participant loan balances and employee and employer contributions receivable in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related investment activity reported in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022.

NOTE D – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

GAAP provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under GAAP are described as follows:

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

- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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.

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The following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value.

Pooled separate accounts: Pooled separate accounts represent investments in participation units held in pooled separate accounts through sub-accounts of an insurance company. The underlying securities in pooled separate accounts are listed on national securities exchanges and valued on the basis of year-end closing prices. The Plan concluded that the net asset value as adjusted (for mutual fund dividends, mutual fund splits and administrative maintenance charges and other items) and reported by the insurance company denotes readily determinable fair value. These pooled separate accounts are classified in Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy

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

	Level 1	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2022:			
Pooled separate accounts:			
Asset Allocation - Target Date	\$ 2,990,762	\$ -	\$ 2,990,762
Aggressive Growth	87,140	-	87,140
Growth	129,978	-	129,978
Conservative	21,701	-	21,701
Income	11,896	-	11,896
Total assets fair value	<u>\$ 3,241,477</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,241,477</u>

	Level 1	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2021:			
Pooled separate accounts:			
Asset Allocation - Target Date	\$ 3,421,918	\$ -	\$ 3,421,918
Aggressive Growth	92,663	-	92,663
Growth	134,566	-	134,566
Conservative	6,265	-	6,265
Income	15,840	-	15,840
Total assets fair value	<u>\$ 3,671,252</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,671,252</u>

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NOTE E – BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2022 and 2021 include \$0 and \$0 allocated to the accounts of participants who as of prior to that date had withdrawn from participating in the earnings and operations of the Plan.

NOTE F – RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO SCHEDULE H OF FORM 5500

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

	2022	2021
Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 3,306,338	\$ 3,824,446
Rounding	-	-
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 3,306,338</u>	<u>\$ 3,824,446</u>

NOTE G – PARTIES-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

There are certain Plan investments that represent shares of mutual funds that are within John Hancock. John Hancock is the custodian as defined by the Plan. Transactions in these funds qualify as party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules.

NOTE H – TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a Volume Submitter Profit Sharing Plan with CODA sponsored by Atlantic Pension Services, Inc. and received a favorable opinion letter dated June 30, 2020. Although the opinion letter is not specific to the Plan, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and is currently being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code; therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. The plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the plan administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability for any uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan administrator considers the Plan has no uncertain positions.

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

NOTE I – RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

Volatility in the financial markets may significantly impact the subsequent valuation of the Plan's investments. Accordingly, the valuation of investments at December 31, 2022 may not necessarily be indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan
Schedule H, line 4a, Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022
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Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Totally 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	
	2,462			
	3,658			
	3,658			
	4,033			
	4,033			
	4,508			
	4,981			
	4,506			
	4,196			
	6,256			
	5,946			
	6,256			
	6,256			
	5,946			
X	40,774			
X	42,117			
X	43,386			
X	40,808			
X	40,729			
X	39,476			
X	39,489			
X	48,005			
X	37,393			
X	38,671			
X	41,074			
X	40,547			
X	51,502			
X	38,996			
X	18,386			
X	18,634			
X	17,401			
X	16,873			
X	16,630			
X	15,960			
X	6,117			

Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan

For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

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Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan
Schedule H, line 4i-Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022
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				\$ 3,284,197
*	Party-in-interest to the plan			
**	In accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-11 (d), cost information has been omitted as all assets are participant directed.			

Form 5500Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceDepartment 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****Part I Annual Report Identification Information**For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

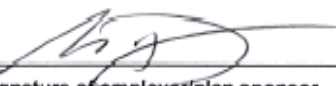
- A** This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
- B** This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ 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 Essence Ventures, LLC 401(k) Plan	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
	1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2019
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) Essence Ventures, LLC CohnReznick, LLP, 34 35th Street Suite 5A Brooklyn NY 11232	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 82-3418584
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 631-697-1548
	2d Business code (see instructions) 519100

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		<u>10-10-2023</u>	Martha Dennis
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		<u>10-10-23</u>	Martha Dennis
	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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Form 5500 (2022)
v. 220413

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 163
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	 6a(1) 76 6a(2) 92 6b 0 6c 86 6d 178 6e 0 6f 178 6g 173 6h 15
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2J 2K 2F 2G 3D

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
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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) ☒ **1 A** (Insurance Information)
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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