

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ 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 GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING & SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1986
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) GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 1850 PARKWAY PLACE, SUITE 800 MARIETTA, GA 30067
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-1659843
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 770-425-8100
2d	Business code (see instructions) 541330

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.	08/06/2024	JACK MADDEN
	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

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	5 240
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(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) 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) 176 6a(2) 187 6b 0 6c 62 6d 249 6e 1 6f 250 6g(1) 240 6g(2) 250 6h 7
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2A 2E 2G 2J 2T 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
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GDS ASSOCIATES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-1659843	

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

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

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	37526501	30	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

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

(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** 1917619**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 CONTRACT****b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 2505955**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)** 286039
(2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)**
(3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)** 33475
(4) Transferred from separate account **7c(4)** 388850
(5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)** 10581▶ **LOAN REPAYMENTS, FORFEITURES**(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 718945**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 3224900**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)** 545912(2) Administration charge made by carrier **7e(2)** 777(3) Transferred to separate account **7e(3)** 760592(4) Other (specify below) **7e(4)**(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 1307281**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 1917619

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)	
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)	
(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)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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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)

RETIREMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATORS LLC

780 JOHNSON FERRY RD. STE 375
ATLANTA, GA 30342-1434

(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?
13	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	10000	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD RD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111-5002

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	8867	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

8515 EAST ORCHARD RD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111-5002

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	25974	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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)

UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC

315 DEADERICK STD RD
5TH FLOOR
NASHVILLE VILLAGE, TN 37238

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 99	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	71166	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

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			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
RETIREMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATORS, LLC	13	10000

(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.
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSUR CO OF AMERICA 84-0467907 8515 EAST ORCHARD RD GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80155	TPA ALLOWANCE PAYMENT

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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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)	2564282	2873676
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	11519	0
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	258706	221351
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	57652243	69128453
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	2425010	1917619
(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	62911760	74141099
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	62911760	74141099

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)	2873676	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1792022	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	329653	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		4995351
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)	17247	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		17247
(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)	2117216	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		2117216
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		7310501
c Other income	2c		80945
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		14521260

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3204743	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		3204743
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	87178	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		87178
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3291921

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		11229339
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: **FRAZIER & DEETER, LLC**

(2) EIN: **58-1433845**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
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?		☒	
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?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
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.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
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.			

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
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING & SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GDS ASSOCIATES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-1659843	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 84-0467907		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6	a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
	b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
	c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.				
7	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8	If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9	If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
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. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☐ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.	

**GDS ASSOCIATES, INC.
401(k) PROFIT SHARING
AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees
GDS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing and Salary Deferral Plan
Marietta, GA

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the GDS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing and Salary Deferral Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied

in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

Frazier & Deeter, LLC

July 29, 2024
Atlanta, Georgia

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<i>December 31,</i>	
	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value (see Note 4)	\$ 69,128,453	\$ 57,652,243
Investments, at contract value (see Note 5)	<u>1,917,619</u>	<u>2,425,010</u>
Total investments	<u>71,046,072</u>	<u>60,077,253</u>
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	2,873,676	2,564,282
Employee contributions	-	11,519
Notes receivable from participants	<u>221,351</u>	<u>258,706</u>
Total receivables	<u>3,095,027</u>	<u>2,834,507</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 74,141,099</u>	<u>\$ 62,911,760</u>

See notes to financial statements.

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 7,391,446
Dividends and interest	<u>2,117,216</u>

Total investment income	<u>9,508,662</u>
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Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>17,247</u>
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Contributions:

Employer	2,873,676
Employee	1,792,022
Rollover	<u>329,653</u>

Total contributions	<u>4,995,351</u>
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Total additions	<u>14,521,260</u>
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	3,204,743
Administrative expenses	<u>87,178</u>

Total deductions	<u>3,291,921</u>
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Net increase	11,229,339
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Net Assets Available for Benefits:

Beginning of year	<u>62,911,760</u>
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End of year	<u><u>\$ 74,141,099</u></u>
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See notes to financial statements.

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 - Description of plan:

The following description of the GDS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing and Salary Deferral Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan sponsor is GDS Associates, Inc. (the Company or Plan Administrator). The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of the Company. Participants may immediately enter the Plan upon hire. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Board of Trustees is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Plan's Board of Trustees.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute from 1% to 100% of pre-tax compensation, as defined in the Plan document. Participants may also make after-tax Roth contributions. Participants who are 50 years of age or older are eligible to make catch-up contributions subject to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limits. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans, including Roth accounts. The Company may make discretionary profit sharing contributions. A participant must be employed on the last day of the Plan year to be eligible for the discretionary profit sharing contribution. For 2023, the Company made discretionary profit sharing contributions of \$2,873,676. Employer profit sharing contributions are allocated to participants' accounts on a pro rata basis based upon a discretionary percentage of each participant's eligible compensation.

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee and employer contributions in 1% increments to any of the Plan's investment options. Participants may change their investment options daily subject to the short-term trading rules of the individual investment funds.

Participant accounts

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

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 - Description of plan - continued:

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Vesting in the employer profit sharing contributions and earnings thereon is based on a five year graded scale. A participant will be fully vested in employer profit sharing contributions after five years of service, unless hired on or before January 8, 2017 or upon reaching Normal Retirement Age of 60, in which case the participant's profit sharing contributions will always be fully vested.

Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures of non-vested funds will be used first to offset eligible expenses incurred by the Plan and then used to help fund future profit sharing contributions. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan used \$80,859 of forfeited non-vested accounts to reduce profit sharing contributions. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$10,822 and \$80,995, respectively.

Payment of benefits

A participant is entitled to receive a lump-sum amount or installment payments equal to the vested value of his or her account upon attainment of age 59½, termination of service, retirement, disability, or death. Active participants are entitled to receive distributions on any amounts transferred into the Plan from a pension plan upon attainment of age 62. A participant may request a withdrawal from the Plan while still under the employment of the Company for reasons of financial hardship, but the withdrawal is limited to the amount of the participant's pre-tax contributions, Roth after-tax contributions and earnings thereon.

Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from the Plan in any amount greater than \$1,000 up to 50% of the participant's vested account balance, not to exceed \$50,000. Note terms are for a period not exceeding five years, unless for the purchase of a principal residence, in which case the note term may be extended based on the discretion of the trustees of the Plan. Notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at 2% above the prime rate. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. Participants may obtain only one note from the Plan during any 12-month period but may have up to three notes outstanding at any given time.

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 - Description of plan - continued:

Administrative expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. The Company reserves the right to elect to pay, or have the Plan pay, administrative costs in the future. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies:

Basis of accounting

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

Fully benefit-responsive investment contract

Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts are required to be reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents the cost plus contributions made under the contracts plus interest at the contract rates less withdrawals and administrative expenses. This specifically affects the presentation of the amounts related to the Plan's participation in the guaranteed portfolio fund, see Note 5. The statements of net assets available for benefits present the contract value of the guaranteed portfolio fund.

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for those noted in Note 5, 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. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company (Empower). 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.

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies - continued:

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. 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 recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. If a participant ceases to make note repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant note to be in default, the participant note balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Risks and uncertainties

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

Recent legislative developments

In December 2019 and December 2022, Congress passed the SECURE Act and SECURE 2.0 Act, respectively, which included numerous reforms to existing retirement law and allows plan sponsors to make certain immediate plan operational changes without formal amendment of the plan document. The Plan Administrator has timely amended the Plan for any applicable changes.

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies - continued:

Subsequent events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through July 29, 2024, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued. All subsequent events, if any, requiring recognition as of December 31, 2023, have been incorporated into these financial statements.

Note 3 - Investments and information certified:

Empower holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. Management has determined that Empower is a qualified institution and the information prepared and certified by Empower meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan Administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Empower.

Note 4 - Fair value measurements:

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

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| Level 1 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access. |
| Level 2 | Inputs to the valuation methodology include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;• Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; |

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

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Note 4 - Fair value measurements - continued:

- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

The asset'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.

The following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodology used to determine fair value at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

- Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges.

The method 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 method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</u>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	<u>\$ 69,128,453</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 69,128,453</u>
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 69,128,453</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 69,128,453</u>

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 4 - Fair value measurements - continued:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 57,652,243	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,652,243
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 57,652,243</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 57,652,243</u>

Note 5 - Guaranteed investment contract:

The Plan has a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America. Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America maintains the contributions in a general account, which is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract is presented in the financial statements at contract value. Contract value, as reported by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the issuer or otherwise.

The Plan's investment contract specifies certain conditions under which distributions from the contract would be payable at amounts below contract value. Such circumstances include Plan termination or merger, premature contract termination initiated by the Company, the establishment of another plan or program to which participants contribute, and a spin-off, sale or merger of any business unit of the employer or Plan Administrator causing a group of participants to be excluded from eligibility. The contract limits the circumstances under which Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America may terminate the contract. Examples of circumstances that would allow Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America to terminate the contract include the Plan's termination, loss of its qualified status, addition of a competing investment option to the Plan, or breaches of the contract responsibilities. If one of these events were to occur, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America could terminate the contract at an amount less than contract value. Currently, management believes that the occurrence of an event that would cause the Plan to transact contract distributions at less than contract value is not probable.

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Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 6 - Related-party transactions:

The Plan invests in shares of mutual funds and a guaranteed portfolio fund managed by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC. Transactions in such investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions and are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation.

Note 7 - Plan termination:

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

Note 8 - Tax status:

Effective January 1, 2022 the underlying volume submitter plan was amended and restated to a non-standardized pre-approved plan which received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated November 30, 2020 stating the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and; therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. The Plan Administrator has determined that it is eligible to and has chosen to rely on the current IRS pre-approved plan opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualified status. The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the requirements of the Code and thus believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

EIN 58-1659843

Plan Number - 001

December 31, 2023

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	** Cost	Current Value
	Insurance-company administered general accounts:			
*	Empower	Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	\$	1,917,619
*	Participant loans	Interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 10.25%		221,351
	Mutual Funds:			
	Allspring	Allspring Special Mid Cap Value R6		2,224
	Allspring	Allspring Disciplined U.S. Core Inst		602,145
	American Funds	American Funds 2015 Trgt Date Retire R6		1,420,216
	American Funds	American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire R6		854,418
	American Funds	American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire R6		6,133,228
	American Funds	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6		8,742,838
	American Funds	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire R6		3,158,134
	American Funds	American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R6		1,670,546
	American Funds	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R6		5,653,364
	American Funds	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R6		2,008,786
	American Funds	American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire R6		911,996
	American Funds	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire R6		67,796
	Baron Real Estate	Baron Real Estate Institutional		344,358
	Brown	Brown Advisory Sustainable Growth		702,499
	Carillon Scout	Carillon Scout Mid Cap R-6		155,536
	Delaware	Delaware Ivy Systematic Emerg Mrkt Eq A		167,341
	Delaware	Delaware Small Cap Core 1		153,034
	Fidelity	Fidelity Advisor Equity Growth I		611,855
	Fidelity	Fidelity NASDAQ Composite Index		507,491
	Gabelli	Gabelli Gold Fund Class I		279,257
	Goldman	Goldman Sachs Intl Small Cp Insights I		108,738
	Goldman	Goldman Sachs International Equity Insights R6		173,599
	Goldman	Goldman Sachs International EQ Inc Instl		89,513
	Invesco	Invesco International Small-Mid Comp Y		325,831
	Janus	Janus Enterprise Fund I		505,633
	Janus	Janus Triton I		246,644
	JP Morgan	Equity income R6		281,860
	Loomis Sayles	Loomis Sayles Ltd Term Govt And Agency		305,334
	Lord Abbett	Lord Abbett High Yield R6		481,225
	MFS	MFS Global Growth R6		679,074
	Morgan Stanley	Morgan Stanley Global Fixed Inc Opps I		110,572
	Morgan Stanley	Morgan Stanley Inst International Opp I		222,819
	Parnassus	Parnassus Core Equity - Inst		856,008
	Pimco	Pimco Income Instl		949,200
	Putnam	Putnam Large Cap Value R6		331,797
	Touchstone	Touchstone Mid Cap Y		111,901

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	** Cost	Current Value	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth		651,744	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Health Sciences		1,326,506	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Instl Mid-Cap Equity Gr		769,838	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Spectrum Mod		211,689	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Spectrum Mod Growth		160,542	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Integr US Small-Cap Grwt Eqty Inv		425,264	
Undiscovered	Undiscovered Mgrs Behavioral Value I		241,171	
Vanguard	Vanguard Information Technology Idx Adm		964,144	
Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral		5,927,996	
Vanguard	Vanguard Energy Index Adm		984,002	
Vanguard	Vanguard Inflation-Protected Secs Adm		1,655,431	
Vanguard	Vanguard Lifestrategy Cnsrv Gr Inv		475,153	
Vanguard	Vanguard Lifestrategy Growth Inv		224,390	
Vanguard	Vanguard Lifestrategy Income Inv		1,023,151	
Vanguard	Vanguard Lifestrategy Moderate Growth		563,970	
Vanguard	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral		1,630,639	
Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm		799,837	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Inv		2,109,462	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inc		268,815	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Inc		133,340	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Inc		399,346	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Inc		476,651	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Inv		1,658,605	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Inv		574,526	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Inv		1,331,729	
Vanguard	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Admiral		1,021,646	
Vanguard	Vanguard Utilities Index Adm		1,428,067	
Victory Capital	Victory Sycamore Established Value I		237,322	
Victory Capital	Victory Sycamore Small Co Opportunity I		109,638	
Western Asset	Western Asset Core Bond I		1,417,029	
				<u>69,128,453</u>
				<u>\$ 71,267,423</u>

*Indicates a party-in-interest to the Plan, as defined by ERISA.

**Cost is not required for participant-directed investments.

Note: The above data is based upon information that has been certified as complete and accurate by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC.

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information		
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan;	☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
B This return/report is:	☒ a single-employer plan;	☐ a DFE (specify) _____
	☐ 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;
	☐ special extension (enter description)	☐ the DFVC program;
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 GDS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing & Salary Deferral Plan	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
	1c Effective date of plan	01/01/1986
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) GDS Associates, Inc. 1850 Parkway Place, Suite 800 US Marietta GA 30067	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-1659843	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (770) 425-8100
	2d Business code (see instructions) 541330	

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		8/6/2024	Jack Madden
	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

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 and 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	5 240
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) 176
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2) 187
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c 62
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d 249
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	6e 1
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f 250
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(1) 240
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(2) 250
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h 7
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2A 2E 2G 2J 2T 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)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) ☒ Insurance	(1) ☐ Insurance
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) ☒ Trust	(3) ☒ Trust
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (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
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) - Number Attached _____
- (5)** ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information - Small Plan)
- (3)** ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) - Number Attached 1
- (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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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 _____

E-SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

for

GDS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing & Salary Deferral Plan

58-1659843/001

For Plan Year 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2023

I/We, the undersigned, understand that a 5500 Series filing for the plan listed above must be prepared, electronically signed and electronically transmitted to the EBSA Electronic Filing Acceptance System (EFAST).

I/We authorize Retirement Plan Administrators, LLC to electronically sign the 5500 Series filing on my/our behalf and to transmit that signed form to EFAST on or before the filing due date.

I/We understand that by granting this authority:

- A manually signed and dated Form 5500 that has been provided must be returned to Retirement Plan Administrators, LLC before they can begin the electronic filing process. I/We will retain a copy of this manually signed form and any schedules and attachments in the plan records.
- Retirement Plan Administrators, LLC will not be responsible for any late filing penalty assessed under ERISA should I/we not return the manually signed and dated Form 5500 prior to the filing due date.
- An electronic copy of the manually signed and dated Form 5500 showing my/our signatures will be included in the electronic filing and will be posted by the EBSA to the Internet for public disclosure.
- Retirement Plan Administrators, LLC will maintain a copy of this written authorization in its records.
- Retirement Plan Administrators, LLC will notify all signers about any inquiries and correspondence it receives about this filing from EFAST, EBSA, IRS or PBGC.
- Retirement Plan Administrators, LLC shall not be deemed to be a plan fiduciary with respect to this plan solely on account of providing the electronic signature and filing of the 5500 for the plan year listed above.

Plan Administrator

Jack Madden

Plan Sponsor

Date

8/6/2024

Date

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

EIN 58-1659843

Plan Number - 001

December 31, 2023

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	** Cost	Current Value
	Insurance-company administered general accounts:			
*	Empower	Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	\$	1,917,619
*	Participant loans	Interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 10.25%		221,351
	Mutual Funds:			
	Allspring	Allspring Special Mid Cap Value R6		2,224
	Allspring	Allspring Disciplined U.S. Core Inst		602,145
	American Funds	American Funds 2015 Trgt Date Retire R6		1,420,216
	American Funds	American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire R6		854,418
	American Funds	American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire R6		6,133,228
	American Funds	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6		8,742,838
	American Funds	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire R6		3,158,134
	American Funds	American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R6		1,670,546
	American Funds	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R6		5,653,364
	American Funds	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R6		2,008,786
	American Funds	American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire R6		911,996
	American Funds	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire R6		67,796
	Baron Real Estate	Baron Real Estate Institutional		344,358
	Brown	Brown Advisory Sustainable Growth		702,499
	Carillon Scout	Carillon Scout Mid Cap R-6		155,536
	Delaware	Delaware Ivy Systematic Emerg Mrkt Eq A		167,341
	Delaware	Delaware Small Cap Core 1		153,034
	Fidelity	Fidelity Advisor Equity Growth I		611,855
	Fidelity	Fidelity NASDAQ Composite Index		507,491
	Gabelli	Gabelli Gold Fund Class I		279,257
	Goldman	Goldman Sachs Intl Small Cp Insights I		108,738
	Goldman	Goldman Sachs International Equity Insights R6		173,599
	Goldman	Goldman Sachs International EQ Inc Instl		89,513
	Invesco	Invesco International Small-Mid Comp Y		325,831
	Janus	Janus Enterprise Fund I		505,633
	Janus	Janus Triton I		246,644
	JP Morgan	Equity income R6		281,860
	Loomis Sayles	Loomis Sayles Ltd Term Govt And Agency		305,334
	Lord Abbett	Lord Abbett High Yield R6		481,225
	MFS	MFS Global Growth R6		679,074
	Morgan Stanley	Morgan Stanley Global Fixed Inc Opps I		110,572
	Morgan Stanley	Morgan Stanley Inst International Opp I		222,819
	Parnassus	Parnassus Core Equity - Inst		856,008
	Pimco	Pimco Income Instl		949,200
	Putnam	Putnam Large Cap Value R6		331,797
	Touchstone	Touchstone Mid Cap Y		111,901

GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING AND SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

EIN 58-1659843

Plan Number - 001

December 31, 2023

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	** Cost	Current Value	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth		651,744	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Health Sciences		1,326,506	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Instl Mid-Cap Equity Gr		769,838	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Spectrum Mod		211,689	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Spectrum Mod Growth		160,542	
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Integr US Small-Cap Grwt Eqty Inv		425,264	
Undiscovered	Undiscovered Mgrs Behavioral Value I		241,171	
Vanguard	Vanguard Information Technology Idx Adm		964,144	
Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral		5,927,996	
Vanguard	Vanguard Energy Index Adm		984,002	
Vanguard	Vanguard Inflation-Protected Secs Adm		1,655,431	
Vanguard	Vanguard Lifestrategy Cnsrv Gr Inv		475,153	
Vanguard	Vanguard Lifestrategy Growth Inv		224,390	
Vanguard	Vanguard Lifestrategy Income Inv		1,023,151	
Vanguard	Vanguard Lifestrategy Moderate Growth		563,970	
Vanguard	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral		1,630,639	
Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm		799,837	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Inv		2,109,462	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inc		268,815	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Inc		133,340	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Inc		399,346	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Inc		476,651	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Inv		1,658,605	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Inv		574,526	
Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Inv		1,331,729	
Vanguard	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Admiral		1,021,646	
Vanguard	Vanguard Utilities Index Adm		1,428,067	
Victory Capital	Victory Sycamore Established Value I		237,322	
Victory Capital	Victory Sycamore Small Co Opportunity I		109,638	
Western Asset	Western Asset Core Bond I		1,417,029	
				<u>69,128,453</u>
				<u>\$ 71,267,423</u>

*Indicates a party-in-interest to the Plan, as defined by ERISA.

**Cost is not required for participant-directed investments.

Note: The above data is based upon information that has been certified as complete and accurate by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC.