

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2023

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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.

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 11/07/2023

- A This return/report is for: [ ] a multiemployer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE... B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [X] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension... 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: PARTNERS GROUP (USA) INC. 401(K) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2001
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): PARTNERS GROUP (USA) INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 13-4118892
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 212-908-2840
2d Business code (see instructions): 523900

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor   | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN              |     |
|  | <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number |     |
| <b>4</b> 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:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name   | <b>4b</b> EIN                              |     |
|  | <b>4d</b> PN                               |     |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year  | <b>5</b>                                   | 546 |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits .....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . .....<br><b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | <b>6a(1)</b>                               | 382 |
|  | <b>6a(2)</b>                               | 0   |
|  | <b>6b</b>                                  |     |
|  | <b>6c</b>                                  |     |
|  | <b>6d</b>                                  | 0   |
|  | <b>6e</b>                                  |     |
|  | <b>6f</b>                                  | 0   |
|  | <b>6g(1)</b>                               |     |
| <b>6g(2)</b>   |  |     |
| <b>6h</b>  |  | 7   |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....  | <b>7</b>                                   |     |

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

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)               | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)               |
| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                                  | (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                                  |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust                           | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust                           |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor              | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 0
  - (4)  **C** (Service Provider Information)
  - (5)  **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
  - (6)  **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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**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.

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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>SCHEDULE C</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Service Provider Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2023</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **11/07/2023**

|   |  |            |
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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>PARTNERS GROUP (USA) INC. 401(K) PLAN</b>                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <b>001</b> |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>PARTNERS GROUP (USA) INC.</b> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>13-4118892</b> |            |

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....  Yes  No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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

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

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 37 60 64 65            | RECORDKEEPER  | 948  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  | 0   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

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

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

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

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

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

| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
|   |                                      |  |

| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> 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)

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |

Explanation:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2023</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2023</b> and ending <b>11/07/2023</b> |  |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>PARTNERS GROUP (USA) INC. 401(K) PLAN</b>                                    | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b>                 |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>PARTNERS GROUP (USA) INC.</b>        | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>13-4118892</b> |

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

|  |                 | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Assets</b>  |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....  | <b>1a</b>       | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                       |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....  | <b>1b(1)</b>    | 325028                | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....   | <b>1b(2)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....   | <b>1b(3)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>c</b> General investments:  |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....   | <b>1c(1)</b>    | 724787                | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....  | <b>1c(2)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                            |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....   | <b>1c(3)(A)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> All other .....   | <b>1c(3)(B)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                      |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....   | <b>1c(4)(A)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....  | <b>1c(4)(B)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....   | <b>1c(5)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                   | <b>1c(6)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....  | <b>1c(7)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....   | <b>1c(8)</b>    | 231360                | 0               |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                     | <b>1c(9)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                    | <b>1c(10)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                            | <b>1c(11)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                  | <b>1c(12)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....        | <b>1c(13)</b>   | 35909267              | 0               |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) ..... | <b>1c(14)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....  | <b>1c(15)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |

| 1d Employer-related investments:                                   |       | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities .....                                      | 1d(1) | 0                     | 0               |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                   | 1d(2) | 0                     | 0               |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....        | 1e    | 0                     | 0               |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....      | 1f    | 37190442              | 0               |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |       |                       |                 |
| g Benefit claims payable .....                                     | 1g    | 0                     | 0               |
| h Operating payables .....   | 1h    | 0                     | 0               |
| i Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | 1i    | 0                     | 0               |
| j Other liabilities .....  | 1j    | 0                     | 0               |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | 1k    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  |       |                       |                 |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....                 | 1l    | 37190442              | 0               |

**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.

| <b>Income</b>   |          | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|----------|------------|-----------|
| <b>a Contributions:</b>   |          |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers .....                                  | 2a(1)(A) | 3538102    |           |
| (B) Participants .....  | 2a(1)(B) | 6445495    |           |
| (C) Others (including rollovers) .....  | 2a(1)(C) | 1098699    |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....   | 2a(2)    | 0          | 11082296  |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2) .....                   | 2a(3)    |            |           |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>   |          |            |           |
| (1) Interest:   |          |            |           |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) ..... | 2b(1)(A) | 40467      |           |
| (B) U.S. Government securities .....  | 2b(1)(B) | 0          |           |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments .....  | 2b(1)(C) | 0          |           |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants) .....  | 2b(1)(D) | 0          |           |
| (E) Participant loans .....   | 2b(1)(E) | 7798       |           |
| (F) Other .....   | 2b(1)(F) | 0          |           |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) .....                                      | 2b(1)(G) |            | 48265     |
| (2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock .....  | 2b(2)(A) | 0          |           |
| (B) Common stock .....  | 2b(2)(B) | 0          |           |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                            | 2b(2)(C) | 147992     |           |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C) .....                                   | 2b(2)(D) |            | 147992    |
| (3) Rents .....   | 2b(3)    |            | 0         |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds .....                           | 2b(4)(A) | 0          |           |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....  | 2b(4)(B) | 0          |           |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result .....                          | 2b(4)(C) |            |           |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate .....                   | 2b(5)(A) | 0          |           |
| (B) Other .....   | 2b(5)(B) | 0          |           |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) .....                 | 2b(5)(C) |            |           |

|   |               | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....                               | <b>2b(6)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....                               | <b>2b(7)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....                       | <b>2b(8)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....                             | <b>2b(9)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | <b>2b(10)</b> |            | 1738118   |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....   | <b>2c</b>     |            | 0         |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....        | <b>2d</b>     |            | 13016671  |

**Expenses**

|   |               |         |         |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|
| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |               |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....             | <b>2e(1)</b>  | 3636276 |         |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....                                | <b>2e(2)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (3) Other.....  | <b>2e(3)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....                 | <b>2e(4)</b>  |         | 3636276 |
| <b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....                                   | <b>2f</b>     |         | 2324    |
| <b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | <b>2g</b>     |         | 0       |
| <b>h</b> Interest expense .....   | <b>2h</b>     |         | 0       |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses:   |               |         |         |
| (1) Salaries and allowances.....  | <b>2i(1)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (2) Contract administrator fees.....  | <b>2i(2)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees.....   | <b>2i(3)</b>  | 948     |         |
| (4) IQPA audit fees.....  | <b>2i(4)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                                | <b>2i(5)</b>  | 2818    |         |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                                      | <b>2i(6)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....  | <b>2i(7)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (8) Legal fees .....  | <b>2i(8)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....  | <b>2i(9)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....  | <b>2i(10)</b> | 0       |         |
| (11) Other expenses .....   | <b>2i(11)</b> | 0       |         |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....        | <b>2i(12)</b> |         | 3766    |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | <b>2j</b>     |         | 3642366 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|   |              |  |          |
|---|--------------|--|----------|
| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | <b>2k</b>    |  | 9374305  |
| <b>l</b> Transfers of assets:   |              |  |          |
| (1) To this plan .....  | <b>2l(1)</b> |  | 0        |
| (2) From this plan .....  | <b>2l(2)</b> |  | 46564747 |

**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: WITHUMSMITHBROWN, PC

(2) EIN: 22-2027092

**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  |
|--|-----|----|---------|
| <b>a</b> 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.)                 |     | X  |         |
| <b>b</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.) |     | X  |         |
| <b>c</b> 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.)   |     | X  |         |
| <b>d</b> 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.)  |     | X  |         |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?   | X   |    | 1000000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?  |     | X  |         |
| <b>g</b> 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?   |     | X  |         |
| <b>h</b> 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?   |     | X  |         |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)   |     | X  |         |
| <b>j</b> 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.)   |     | X  |         |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?  | X   |    |         |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?   |     | X  |         |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)   |     | X  |         |
| <b>n</b> 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.  |     | X  |         |

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

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

| <b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)     | <b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s) | <b>5b(3)</b> PN(s) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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| <b>SCHEDULE R</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Retirement Plan Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2023</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
|--|---|--|

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 11/07/2023

|   |  |            |
|---|--|------------|
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>PARTNERS GROUP (USA) INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <u>001</u> |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>PARTNERS GROUP (USA) INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>13-4118892</u> |            |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Distributions</b> |
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....  | 1 |  |
| <b>2</b> 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):<br>EIN(s): <u>04-6568107</u> |   |  |
| <b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>  |   |  |
| <b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....   | 3 |  |

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| <b>Part II</b> | <b>Funding Information</b> (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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|   |                              |                             |                              |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>   |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>5</b> 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. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____<br><b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b> |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....  | 6a                           |                             |                              |
| <b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....  | 6b                           |                             |                              |
| <b>c</b> 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                           |                             |                              |
| <b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>  |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>8</b> 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? .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

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| <b>Part III</b> | <b>Amendments</b> |
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|   |                                   |                                   |                               |                             |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>9</b> 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. .... | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|

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| <b>Part IV</b> | <b>ESOPs</b> (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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|  |                              |                             |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>b</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.) ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

|  |            |  |
|--|------------|--|
| <b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) ..... | <b>14a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) .....   | <b>14b</b> |  |
| <b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....   | <b>14c</b> |  |

**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:

|   |            |  |
|---|------------|--|
| <b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year ..... | <b>15a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....                            | <b>15b</b> |  |

**16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

|  |            |  |
|--|------------|--|
| <b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....   | <b>16a</b> |  |
| <b>b</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 ..... | <b>16b</b> |  |

**17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment.....

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

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

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

**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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

**PARTNERS GROUP (USA) INC. 401(K) PLAN**  
**Financial Statements**  
**October 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022**  
**With Independent Auditor's Report**

**Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan  
Table of Contents  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees and Participants of  
Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of October 31, 2023 (in liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (ongoing), and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period from January 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023 (in liquidation), and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of October 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and for the period from January 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of 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.
- 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 Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) 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.

### **Emphasis of Matter – Terminating Plan**

As further discussed in Notes 1 and 5 to the financial statements, the Board of Directors of the Partners Group (USA) Inc., the plan's sponsor, voted on January 12, 2023 to terminate the Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan and as of October 31, 2023, the assets of the Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan were liquidated. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the plan has changed its basis of accounting from the ongoing plan basis used in presenting the 2022 financial statements to the liquidation basis used in presenting the 2023 financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are 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 Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

*Withum Smith + Brown, PC*

August 9, 2024

**Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan**  
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**October 31, 2023 (In Liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (Ongoing)**

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|                                    | <b>2023</b>             | <b>2022</b>          |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
|                                    | <u>(In Liquidation)</u> | <u>(Ongoing)</u>     |
| <b>Assets</b>                      |                         |                      |
| Investments, at fair value         | \$ -                    | \$ 36,634,054        |
| Receivables                        |                         |                      |
| Notes receivable from participants | -                       | 231,360              |
| Employer contributions receivable  | -                       | 325,028              |
| Total receivables                  | <u>-</u>                | <u>556,388</u>       |
| Net assets available for benefits  | <u>\$ -</u>             | <u>\$ 37,190,442</u> |

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**Period January 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023 (In Liquidation)**

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**Additions**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Additions to net assets attributed to                 |                   |
| Investment income                                     |                   |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments         | \$ 1,738,118      |
| Dividend and interest income                          | <u>188,459</u>    |
|   | <u>1,926,577</u>  |
| <br>  |                   |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | <u>7,798</u>      |
| <br>  |                   |
| Contributions   |                   |
| Employee  | 6,445,495         |
| Employer  | 3,538,102         |
| Rollover  | <u>1,098,699</u>  |
|   | <u>11,082,296</u> |
| <br>  |                   |
| Total additions                                       | <u>13,016,671</u> |

**Deductions**

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Deductions from net assets attributed to |                  |
| Benefits paid                            | 3,638,600        |
| Administrative expenses                  | <u>3,766</u>     |
| Total deductions                         | <u>3,642,366</u> |

**Net change in net assets available for benefits** 9,374,305

**Transfers to another plan** (46,564,747)

**Net assets available for benefits**

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning of year | <u>37,190,442</u> |
| End of year       | <u>\$ -</u>       |

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following brief description of the Partners Group (USA) Inc. 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Users should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

**General**

The Plan is a participant directed, defined contribution plan qualifying under section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Plan was established for the purpose of providing eligible employees of Partners Group (USA) Inc. (the “Employer”) and their beneficiaries funds for retirement. On January 12, 2023, the Board of Directors of Partners Group (USA) Inc. made a decision to terminate the Partners Group (USA) 401(k) Plan and transferred the plan assets to the SuccessWise Pooled Employer Plan.

**Eligibility**

An employee of the Employer becomes an eligible participant in the Plan upon completing 3 consecutive months of service and the attainment of the age of 21. Employees may join the Plan on the first day of each month once they meet the eligibility requirements.

**Employee Contributions**

A participant in the Plan may annually contribute through payroll deductions, any amount up to the percentage of compensation limits defined in the plan document of pre, post or after-tax contributions, not exceeding totals as determined by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”). Any participant, age 50 or over, may make an additional “catch up” contribution as determined by the IRS. Participants are automatically enrolled at a deferral rate of 6% of pretax compensation. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Rollover contributions are permitted into the Plan in accordance with IRS regulations and Plan provisions.

**Employer Contributions**

The Employer may elect to make a discretionary matching contribution and/or a discretionary nonelective contribution in amount(s) determined by management. The Employer has elected to make discretionary matching contributions of \$3,538,102 for the period ended October 31, 2023 equal to 50% of employee deferrals up to 6% of eligible compensation. The Employer did not elect to make a discretionary nonelective contribution for the period ended October 31, 2023.

**Participant Accounts**

Individual accounts are established for each participant. The Plan offers a variety of investments, with varying investment objectives as investment options. Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions, the Employer contributions, if any, and the proportionate share of dividends, interest, and investment gains since the preceding valuation date. The participant’s account is reduced by withdrawals, losses on investments, expenses of the Plan, and any forfeitures. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

**Distributions and Withdrawals**

Prior to the retirement age of 59½, distributions and withdrawals are not permitted from the Plan except in the instances of death, disability, termination of employment, or hardship as defined in the Plan document. A participant shall be considered 100% vested upon termination of service due to death or disability. Participants or their beneficiaries may receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant’s vested account balance. After attaining age 59½, 100% of the participant’s account may be withdrawn for any reason.

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**Notes Receivable from Participants**

Any participant may borrow from their account a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. All loans are considered a direct investment of the participant and payments of principal and interest are credited to the participant's account. Interest is charged at a reasonable rate (as defined in the Plan agreement). As of December 31, 2022, notes receivable from participants were \$231,360. There were no outstanding notes receivable from participants as of October 31, 2023.

**Vesting**

A participant's interest in his or her contributions to the Plan will always be fully vested and nonforfeitable. A participant is vested in the Employer's contribution, if any, after one year of service. A participant's "vested percentage" is based on vesting years of service. A participant earns and accumulates a year of vesting after 12 months of continuous service.

**Forfeited Accounts**

Forfeited accounts are retained in the Plan and will be applied first to pay administrative costs of the Plan, with any excess used to reduce future Employer contributions. As of December 31, 2022, the Plan had \$4,728 of forfeited non-vested accounts. As of October 31, 2023, the Plan did not have a forfeited non-vested account balance. Forfeitures totaling \$4,720 were utilized to reduce Employer contributions for the period ended October 31, 2023.

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

The accounting records of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

**Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition**

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements are discussed in Note 4.

The Plan presents, in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits, the net appreciation, including realized gains and losses on those investments. In addition, certain investment related fees have been reflected as an offset of net investment income.

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

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**Administrative Expenses**

The expenses necessary to administer the Plan, including but not limited to retaining necessary professional assistance from an attorney, an accountant, an actuary, or an investment advisor are paid by the Employer. All expenses except for account maintenance fees, transaction fees and investment fund management fees have been paid by the Employer. Transactions fees incurred by the trustees and registered investment companies are absorbed in investment income.

Participants are charged service fees for any loan and distribution transactions they request.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefit payments to participants 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, market, and credit risks, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and those changes could materially affect participant's account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**Notes Receivable from Participants**

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

**3. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE**

No auditing procedures were performed by the independent public accountants as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA with respect to information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. Based on information provided and certified by the trustee, there are no fixed income obligations, leases, or debt instruments in default or deemed uncollectible, as defined by ERISA, as of October 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

The following information as of October 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 and for the period ended October 31, 2023, was prepared from reports certified by the trustee as complete and accurate:

|   | <u>2023</u>  | <u>2022</u>   |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Investments, at fair value                            | \$ -         | \$ 36,634,054 |
| Notes receivable from participants                    | \$ -         | \$ 231,360    |
| Investment income                                     |              |               |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments         | \$ 1,738,118 |               |
| Dividend and interest income                          | \$ 188,459   |               |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | \$ 7,798     |               |

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**4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. This framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

*Level 2* - Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

*Level 3* - Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are financial instruments whose values are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant judgment or estimation.

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan's assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used for the periods presented in these financial statements.

*Money Market Fund:* Money market fund is valued at quoted market price which represents the fair value of the amount invested into the fund plus interest earned.

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

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

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The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022:

|                   | <u>Level 1</u>       | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Total</u>         |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Money market fund | \$ 724,787           | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ 724,787           |
| Mutual funds      | <u>35,909,267</u>    | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>       | <u>35,909,267</u>    |
|                   | <u>\$ 36,634,054</u> | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ 36,634,054</u> |

**5. PLAN TERMINATION**

On January 12, 2023, the Board of Directors of Partners Group (USA) Inc. made a decision to terminate the Plan effective September 12, 2023. All amounts credited to participants' accounts became 100% vested and non-forfeitable on that date. In October 2023, the Partners Group (USA) 401(k) Plan's assets were transferred to the SuccessWise Pooled Employer Plan. All plan assets were liquidated by October 31, 2023.

**6. INCOME TAX STATUS**

The Plan obtained its latest opinion letter on June 30, 2020, in which the IRS stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRS. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of October 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**7. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are shares of money market funds and mutual funds managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. In addition, the Plan has paid administrative expenses of \$3,766 to Fidelity Management Trust Company and certain expenses to the trustees have been offset with investment income during the period ended October 31, 2023. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants, which are secured by the balance in the participant's account, are permitted party-in-interest transactions.

**8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events occurring after the statement of net assets available for benefits date through the date of August 9, 2024, the date for which the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on that evaluation, the Plan has determined that no subsequent events have occurred that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.