

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 EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2005
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) EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 3010 BRIARPARK DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77042
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3029813
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 832-730-7853
2d	Business code (see instructions) 541600

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.	08/21/2024	ANGELIA D SEUFERT
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/21/2024	ANGELIA D SEUFERT
	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	5 914
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) 749 6a(2) 824 6b 0 6c 168 6d 992 6e 0 6f 992 6g(1) 672 6g(2) 722 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 3H

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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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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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3029813	

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
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY

(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
71-0294708	86509	YH4431	722	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 81431	(b) Total amount of fees paid 0
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
OPPENHEIMER LIFE AGENCY, LTD. 85 BROAD STREET
4TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10004

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
81431			3

(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	

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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	1360679
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	50739666

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 PENSION FUNDING**

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

1467774

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

158310

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

19284

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

8143

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

14012

▶ **LOAN REPAYMENTS TRANSFERRED ASSETS**

(6) Total additions

7c(6)

199749

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

1667523

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

120541

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

15644

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

11896

▶ **NEW LOAN(S) ISSUED**

(5) Total deductions

7e(5)

148081

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

1519442

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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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3029813	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY
71-0294708

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 64	SERVICE PROVIDER	193166	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

MORNINGSTAR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

36-4317381

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26	SERVICE PROVIDER	8514	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

VOYA RETIREMENT ADVISORS, LLC

02-0488491

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26	SERVICE PROVIDER	5934	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC.				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3029813	
Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VARIABLE ANNUITY ACCOUNT D					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY					
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000		d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 50739666		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
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c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
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Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		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 EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3029813	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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.

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)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(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)	475783	555780
(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)	38619301	50739666
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	1467774	1519442
(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	40562858	52814888
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	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	40562858	52814888

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)	1971929	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	4623971	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1131907	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		7727807
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)	30104	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	19284	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		49388
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(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)		7962926
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		-1607
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		15738514

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3282041	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		3282041
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)	174196	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	23018	
(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)	10400	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		207614
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3489655

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		12248859
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		3171
(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: **LPMC, PC**

(2) EIN: **62-1199757**

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?	☒		2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
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.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 001	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3029813	

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): 71-0294708 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)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
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

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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 <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702844A</u> .	

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

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Independent Auditors' Report

**The Retirement Plan Administrative Committee
Empyrean Benefit Solutions, 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 the Empyrean Benefit Solutions, Inc. 401(k) 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, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with 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 for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental 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 DOL'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 DOL'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).

LBM, PC

Chattanooga, Tennessee
August 13, 2024

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Investments:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 50,739,666	\$ 38,619,301
Fully benefit-responsive investment contract, at contract value	<u>1,519,442</u>	<u>1,467,774</u>
Total investments	52,259,108	40,087,075
Notes receivable from participants	<u>555,780</u>	<u>475,783</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$ <u>52,814,888</u>	\$ <u>40,562,858</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions (reductions) to net assets attributed to:		
Net change resulting from investment activity:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 7,962,908	\$ (7,916,801)
Interest income	<u>19,301</u>	<u>20,019</u>
Net change resulting from investment activity	<u>7,982,209</u>	<u>(7,896,782)</u>
Interest on notes receivable from participants	<u>30,104</u>	<u>22,895</u>
Contributions:		
Plan Sponsor	1,975,783	1,734,937
Participants	4,623,972	4,026,771
Rollovers	<u>1,135,078</u>	<u>460,928</u>
Total contributions	<u>7,734,833</u>	<u>6,222,636</u>
Net additions (reductions)	<u>15,747,146</u>	<u>(1,651,251)</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid	3,287,502	2,196,199
Administrative expenses	<u>207,614</u>	<u>186,174</u>
Total deductions	<u>3,495,116</u>	<u>2,382,373</u>
Net increase (decrease)	12,252,030	(4,033,624)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>40,562,858</u>	<u>44,596,482</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ <u>52,814,888</u>	\$ <u>40,562,858</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(1) Description of plan

The following description of the Empyrean Benefit Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan which was adopted to provide retirement benefits for employees of Empyrean Benefit Solutions, Inc. (the "Plan Sponsor"). The Plan covers substantially all full-time employees who are age eighteen or older and have completed thirty days of service and part-time employees that have completed a year of service (participants). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

(b) Contributions

Participants may voluntarily make qualified retirement contributions to the Plan which may be after-tax Roth deferrals or pre-tax deferrals deductible by the participants for federal income tax purposes under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participant contributions are permitted up to 90% of compensation, as defined in the plan agreement, not to exceed the maximum annual amount as determined by the IRC.

The Plan Sponsor makes a safe harbor match in an amount equal to 100% of each participant's contributions not to exceed 3% of the participant's compensation plus 50% of the participant's contributions between 3% and 5% of compensation. Plan Sponsor contributions may not exceed the maximum amount deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The Plan also provides that the Plan Sponsor may contribute an additional matching contribution and a discretionary profit sharing contribution each year in an amount authorized by the Plan Sponsor's Board of Directors; however, an additional match or profit sharing contribution by the Plan Sponsor is not required. No additional matching or profit sharing contributions were made during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

(c) Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with Plan Sponsor contributions as calculated above and participant contributions. Each participant's account is also credited or charged with the actual earnings or loss of the investment options selected by the participant and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations of administrative expenses are based on account balances as defined in the plan agreement. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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(d) Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective salary deferrals including catch-up contributions, rollover contributions, and safe harbor matching employer contributions plus actual earnings or losses thereon. Vesting for non-safe harbor and additional matching employer contributions is based on years of service according to a graded vesting scale, with participants becoming 100% vested after three years of service.

(e) Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The notes receivable from participants are secured by the balances in the respective participants' accounts and bear interest at fixed rates ranging from 4.72% to 7.72%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

(f) Payment of benefits

On termination of service due to death, permanent disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum payment or annual installments over a specified period equal to his or her entire account. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant will be entitled to receive only the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

(g) Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment prior to becoming fully vested in the Plan Sponsor contribution portion of their accounts. Such forfeitures reduce the Plan Sponsor's contributions to the Plan. Forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$2,460 and \$400 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future Plan Sponsor contributions. Forfeitures of \$3,854 were utilized during 2023. No forfeitures were utilized in 2022.

(h) Hardship withdrawals

The Plan permits distributions in the event of a hardship, as defined in the plan agreement. These distributions are taxable and subject to a tax penalty equal to 10% of the hardship distribution amount if the participant is younger than age 59½. Hardship withdrawals are limited to the participant's elective account balance.

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(i) Administrative expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Plan Sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements. Other fees related to investment management and processing of benefit payments are charged to the applicable participants' accounts and are included in administrative expenses. Investment advisory fees are included with net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

(j) Plan termination

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

(2) Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

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

(b) Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are stated at fair value (except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Notes 4 and 5 for further discussion of investment valuation.

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

(c) Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant notes are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

(d) Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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(e) Use of estimates

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

(f) Events occurring after reporting date

The Plan Sponsor has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2023, and August 13, 2024, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

(3) Certified information

Certain information presented and disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year), including the fair value and contract value of investments held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, and interest income for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company ("VOYA"). Notes receivable from participants and related interest were not certified.

(4) Investments measured at net asset value using the practical expedient

The Plan's pooled separate accounts are measured at net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient to estimate fair value, and therefore, have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using NAV as a practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Unfunded</u> <u>Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Frequency (if</u> <u>Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Notice Period</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$50,739,666	\$38,619,301	N/A	Daily	N/A

The Plan holds various pooled separate accounts that are not direct filing entities. A majority of these pooled separate accounts seek to mirror the investment objectives and strategies of the underlying mutual fund for which the pooled separate account is named. Certain other pooled separate accounts are target date funds which seek capital appreciation and current income consistent with asset allocation that become more conservative over time to the specified retirement date. And, others are lifestyle funds which seek returns consistent with the stated investment style.

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(5) Investment contract with insurance company

The Plan offers an investment option with VOYA, the VOYA Fixed Account. The contract underlying this investment option is considered to be fully benefit-responsive. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the contract value of the investment in the VOYA Fixed Account was \$1,519,442 and \$1,467,774, respectively.

VOYA's determination of credited interest rates reflects a number of factors, including mortality and expense risks, interest rate guarantees, the investment income earned on invested assets and the amortization of any capital gains and/or losses realized on the sale of the invested assets, but may not be less than one percent. A market value adjustment may apply to amounts withdrawn at the request of the contract holder.

The underlying contract has no restrictions on the use of plan assets and there are no valuation reserves recorded to adjust contract amounts. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (i) amendments to the plan documents (including a complete or partial plan merger with another plan), (ii) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options; or (iii) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The plan administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

The Fixed Account does not permit VOYA to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

(6) Income tax status

The Plan Sponsor adopted a non-standardized defined contribution pre-approved plan which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on June 30, 2020, which stated that the pre-approved plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the IRC.

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 administrator has analyzed the tax position taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) 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.

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(7) Related party and parties-in-interest transactions

Plan investments are shares of pooled separate accounts and a guaranteed investment contract managed by VOYA, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. As described in Note 1, the Plan paid expenses to various service providers and holds notes receivable from participants, which also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

(8) Risks and uncertainties

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

(9) Subsequent event

Effective January 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to remove the safe harbor matching Plan Sponsor contribution. The Plan Sponsor may provide a discretionary matching contribution.

In addition, the Plan's vesting schedule was amended. Vesting in the Plan Sponsor's matching contribution and related earnings will be based on years of continuous service. Participants' interests in the Plan Sponsor's matching contributions and earnings thereon will vest as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
1	25%
2	50%
3	75%
4	100%

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

EIN #20-3029813, PLAN No. 001

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
	Pooled separate accounts:			
*	VOYA	American Century Mid Cap Value Fund	**	\$ 797,110
*	VOYA	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	**	1,241,797
*	VOYA	American Funds Capital Income Builder Fund	**	634,702
*	VOYA	Alliance Bernstein Large Cap Growth Fund Z	**	3,016,339
*	VOYA	American Funds American Balanced Fund	**	432,022
*	VOYA	American Funds New World Fund	**	953,509
*	VOYA	DFA Inflation Prot Securities Portfolio	**	689,145
*	VOYA	DFA Real Estate Securities Portfolio Inst Fund	**	432,446
*	VOYA	DFA US Targeted Value Portfolio Inst Fund	**	333,117
*	VOYA	Hartford Healthcare Fund R6	**	699,465
*	VOYA	American Funds Moderate Growth & Income R6	**	2,312,217
*	VOYA	MFS Value Fund R6	**	920,834
*	VOYA	American Funds Cons Growth & Income R6	**	321,144
*	VOYA	Franklin Utilities Fund R6	**	320,304
*	VOYA	Janus Henderson Developed World Bond Fund N	**	227,413
*	VOYA	Columbia Seligman Tech and Information Fund	**	2,451,945
*	VOYA	MnNpr Rainier International Disc Srs Z	**	231,141
*	VOYA	PIMCO Income Fund	**	508,052
*	VOYA	Prudential High Yield Fund	**	300,059
*	VOYA	JPMorgan International Equity Fund R6	**	1,090,992
*	VOYA	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund	**	1,061,485
*	VOYA	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund	**	1,527,373
*	VOYA	American Funds Growth Income R6	**	5,195,645
*	VOYA	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	**	7,627,814
*	VOYA	American Cent Small Cap Growth Fund	**	452,308
*	VOYA	Vanguard Financials Index Fund Adm	**	328,526
*	VOYA	Government Money Market Fund	**	2,439
*	VOYA	Intermediate Bond Fund	**	640,899
*	VOYA	Index Solution Income Portfolio Z	**	223,780
*	VOYA	Delaware Ivy Mid Cap Growth Fund R6	**	203,518
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2025 Portfolio Fund	**	435,247
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2030 Portfolio Fund	**	1,301,887

* Represents a party-in-interest.

** Not required for participant directed plans.

The above data is based upon information which has been certified as complete and accurate by Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, except for notes receivable from participants.

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

EIN #20-3029813, PLAN No. 001

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2035 Portfolio Fund	**	3,483,308
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2040 Portfolio Fund	**	2,499,845
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2045 Portfolio Fund	**	3,098,425
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2050 Portfolio Fund	**	2,771,909
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2055 Portfolio Fund	**	1,086,873
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2060 Portfolio Fund	**	730,738
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2065 Portfolio Fund	**	<u>153,894</u>
		Total pooled separate accounts		50,739,666
	Investment contract:			
*	VOYA	Fixed Account	**	1,519,442
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates ranging from 4.72% - 7.72% and maturity dates through 2039	-	<u>555,780</u>
		Total		<u>\$ 52,814,888</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest.

** Not required for participant directed plans.

The above data is based upon information which has been certified as complete and accurate by Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, except for notes receivable from participants.

Attachment to 2023 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets
(Held at End of Year)
Empyrean Benefit Solutions Inc 401(k) Plan
EIN 20-3029813
Plan 001
As of December 31, 2023

(a) (b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investments including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity date	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
AB Large Cap Grw Fnd Z	Registered Investment Company		\$3,016,339
AmCen Mid Cap Value Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$797,110
AmCen Small Cap Growth Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$452,308
American Funds Am Balanced R6	Registered Investment Company		\$432,022
American Funds Cap Inc Bld R6	Registered Investment Company		\$634,702
American Funds Con G&I Pt R6	Registered Investment Company		\$321,144
American Funds EuroPacific R6	Registered Investment Company		\$1,241,797
American Funds Gr Inc Pt R6	Registered Investment Company		\$5,195,644
American Funds Mod G&I Pt R6	Registered Investment Company		\$2,312,217
American Funds New World R6	Registered Investment Company		\$953,509
Clmbia Sligmn Tech Inf F Ins 3	Registered Investment Company		\$2,451,945
Del Ivy Md Cp Gr Fd - CI R6	Registered Investment Company		\$203,518
DFA Infl-Prot Sec Port Ins	Registered Investment Company		\$689,145
DFA Real Estate Secs Port Ins	Registered Investment Company		\$432,446
DFA US Targeted VI Port Ins	Registered Investment Company		\$333,116
Franklin Utilities Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$320,304
Hartfd Healthcare Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$699,465
Janus Hndr Dev Wrld Bnd Fd N	Registered Investment Company		\$227,413
JPMorgan Intl Equity Fnd R6	Registered Investment Company		\$1,090,992
MFS Value Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$920,834
MnNpr Rainier Intl Disc Srs Z	Registered Investment Company		\$231,141
PGIM High Yield Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$300,059
PIMCO Income Fund Ins	Registered Investment Company		\$508,052
Vangrd 500 Index Fund Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$7,627,814
Vangrd Financials Index Fd Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$328,526
Vangrd Mid-Cap Index Fund Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$1,061,485
Vangrd Small-Cap Index Fnd Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$1,527,373
* Voya Fixed Account (4450)	Insurance Company General Account		\$1,519,442
* Voya Gv Mny Mkt F A (Hld Acct)	Registered Investment Company		\$2,439
* Voya Index Solution 2025 P Z	Registered Investment Company		\$435,247
* Voya Index Solution 2030 P Z	Registered Investment Company		\$1,301,887
* Voya Index Solution 2035 P Z	Registered Investment Company		\$3,483,308
* Voya Index Solution 2040 P Z	Registered Investment Company		\$2,499,845
* Voya Index Solution 2045 P Z	Registered Investment Company		\$3,098,425
* Voya Index Solution 2050 P Z	Registered Investment Company		\$2,771,909
* Voya Index Solution 2055 P Z	Registered Investment Company		\$1,086,873
* Voya Index Solution 2060 P Z	Registered Investment Company		\$730,738
* Voya Index Solution 2065 P Z	Registered Investment Company		\$153,894
* Voya Index Solution Inc P Z	Registered Investment Company		\$223,780
* Voya Intermediate Bond Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$640,899
Loan Fund	Participant Loans - Rates: 4.91% to 7.72%		\$555,780
Total			\$52,814,888

* denotes party-in-interest

Column (d) is not required as the Plan's investments are totally participant directed.

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2022 and 2021

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

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Independent Auditors' Report

**The Retirement Plan Administrative Committee
Empyrean Benefit Solutions, 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 the Empyrean Benefit Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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 schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2022, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, have 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 are 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 their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental 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 DOL'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).

LBM, PC

Chattanooga, Tennessee
July 14, 2023

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets:		
Investments:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 38,619,301	\$ 43,155,300
Fully benefit-responsive investment contract, at contract value	<u>1,467,774</u>	<u>1,014,740</u>
Total investments	40,087,075	44,170,040
 Notes receivable from participants	 <u>475,783</u>	 <u>426,442</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$ <u>40,562,858</u>	\$ <u>44,596,482</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Additions (reductions) to net assets attributed to:		
Net change resulting from investment activity:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ (7,916,801)	\$ 5,640,534
Interest income	<u>20,019</u>	<u>12,348</u>
Net change resulting from investment activity	<u>(7,896,782)</u>	<u>5,652,882</u>
Interest on notes receivable from participants	<u>22,895</u>	<u>20,845</u>
Contributions:		
Plan Sponsor	1,734,937	1,536,477
Participants	4,026,771	3,575,358
Rollovers	<u>460,928</u>	<u>930,850</u>
Total contributions	<u>6,222,636</u>	<u>6,042,685</u>
Net additions (reductions)	<u>(1,651,251)</u>	<u>11,716,412</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid	2,196,199	2,740,391
Administrative expenses	<u>186,174</u>	<u>197,275</u>
Total deductions	<u>2,382,373</u>	<u>2,937,666</u>
Net increase (decrease)	(4,033,624)	8,778,746
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>44,596,482</u>	<u>35,817,736</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ <u>40,562,858</u>	\$ <u>44,596,482</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Notes to the Financial Statements

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(1) Description of plan

The following description of the Empyrean Benefit Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan which was adopted to provide retirement benefits for employees of Empyrean Benefit Solutions, Inc. (the "Plan Sponsor"). The Plan covers substantially all employees who are age eighteen or older and have completed thirty days of service ("participants"). Effective January 1, 2021, the Plan was amended to exclude part-time employees unless they complete a year of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

(b) Contributions

Participants may voluntarily make qualified retirement contributions to the Plan which may be after-tax Roth deferrals or pre-tax deferrals deductible by the participants for federal income tax purposes under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participant contributions are permitted up to 90% of compensation, as defined in the plan agreement, not to exceed the maximum annual amount as determined by the IRC.

The Plan Sponsor makes a safe harbor match in an amount equal to 100% of each participant's contributions not to exceed 3% of the participant's compensation plus 50% of the participant's contributions between 3% and 5% of compensation. Plan Sponsor contributions may not exceed the maximum amount deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The Plan also provides that the Plan Sponsor may contribute an additional matching contribution and a discretionary profit sharing contribution each year in an amount authorized by the Plan Sponsor's Board of Directors; however, an additional match or profit sharing contribution by the Plan Sponsor is not required. No additional matching or profit sharing contributions were made during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

(c) Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with Plan Sponsor contributions as calculated above and participant contributions. Each participant's account is also credited or charged with the actual earnings or loss of the investment options selected by the participant and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations of administrative expenses are based on account balances as defined in the plan agreement. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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(d) Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective salary deferrals including catch-up contributions, rollover contributions, and safe harbor matching employer contributions plus actual earnings or losses thereon. Vesting for non-safe harbor and additional matching employer contributions is based on years of service according to a graded vesting scale, with participants becoming 100% vested after three years of service.

(e) Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The notes receivable from participants are secured by the balances in the respective participants' accounts and bear interest at fixed rates ranging from 4.71% to 7.50%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

(f) Payment of benefits

On termination of service due to death, permanent disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum payment or annual installments over a specified period equal to his or her entire account. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant will be entitled to receive only the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

(g) Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment prior to becoming fully vested in the Plan Sponsor contribution portion of their accounts. Such forfeitures reduce the Plan Sponsor's contributions to the Plan. Forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$400 and \$3 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future Plan Sponsor contributions. No forfeitures were utilized in 2022. Forfeitures of \$8,259 were utilized during 2021.

(h) Hardship withdrawals

The Plan permits distributions in the event of a hardship, as defined in the plan agreement. These distributions are taxable and subject to a tax penalty equal to 10% of the hardship distribution amount if the participant is younger than age 59½. Hardship withdrawals are limited to the participant's elective account balance.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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(i) Administrative expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Plan Sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements. Other fees related to investment management and processing of benefit payments are charged to the applicable participants' accounts and are included in administrative expenses. Investment advisory fees are included with net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

(j) Plan termination

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

(2) Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

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

(b) Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are stated at fair value (except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Notes 4 and 5 for further discussion of investment valuation.

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

(c) Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant notes are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

(d) Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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(e) Use of estimates

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

(f) Events occurring after reporting date

The Plan Sponsor has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2022, and July 14, 2023, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

(3) Certified information

Certain information presented and disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year), including the fair value and contract value of investments held at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, and investment interest income for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by VOYA Institutional Trust Company ("VOYA"). Notes receivable from participants and related interest were not certified.

(4) Investments measured at net asset value using the practical expedient

The Plan's pooled separate accounts are measured at net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient to estimate fair value, and therefore, have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using NAV as a practical expedient as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>Unfunded</u> <u>Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Frequency (if</u> <u>Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Notice Period</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$38,619,301	\$43,155,300	N/A	Daily	N/A

The Plan holds various pooled separate accounts that are not direct filing entities. A majority of these pooled separate accounts seek to mirror the investment objectives and strategies of the underlying mutual fund for which the pooled separate account is named. Certain other pooled separate accounts are target date funds which seek capital appreciation and current income consistent with asset allocation that become more conservative over time to the specified retirement date. And, others are lifestyle funds which seek returns consistent with the stated investment style.

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(5) Investment contract with insurance company

The Plan offers an investment option with VOYA, the VOYA Fixed Account. The contract underlying this investment option is considered to be fully benefit-responsive. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the contract value of the investment in the VOYA Fixed Account was \$1,467,774 and \$1,014,740, respectively.

VOYA's determination of credited interest rates reflects a number of factors, including mortality and expense risks, interest rate guarantees, the investment income earned on invested assets and the amortization of any capital gains and/or losses realized on the sale of the invested assets, but may not be less than one percent. A market value adjustment may apply to amounts withdrawn at the request of the contract holder.

The underlying contract has no restrictions on the use of plan assets and there are no valuation reserves recorded to adjust contract amounts. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (i) amendments to the plan documents (including a complete or partial plan merger with another plan), (ii) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options; or (iii) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The plan administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

The Fixed Account does not permit VOYA to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

(6) Income tax status

The Plan Sponsor adopted a volume submitter profit sharing and money purchase plan which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on June 30, 2020, which stated that the Plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the IRC.

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 administrator has analyzed the tax position taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) 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.

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(7) Related party and parties-in-interest transactions

Plan investments are shares of pooled separate accounts and a guaranteed investment contract managed by VOYA, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. As described in Note 1, the Plan paid expenses to various service providers and holds notes receivable from participants, which also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

(8) Risks and uncertainties

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

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2022

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	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current value
	Pooled separate accounts:			
*	VOYA	American Cent Mid Cap Value Fund	**	\$ 695,432
*	VOYA	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	**	936,787
*	VOYA	American Funds Capital Income Builder Fund	**	437,597
*	VOYA	AB Disc Growth Fund Z	**	162,688
*	VOYA	AB Large Growth Fund Z	**	1,944,493
*	VOYA	American Funds American Balanced Fund	**	347,825
*	VOYA	American Funds New World Fund	**	494,584
*	VOYA	DFA Inflat-Prot Securities Portfolio Inst Fund	**	576,356
*	VOYA	DFA Real Estate Securities Portfolio Inst Fund	**	320,393
*	VOYA	DFA US Targeted Value Portfolio Inst Fund	**	268,280
*	VOYA	Hartfd Healthcare Fund R6	**	1,043,262
*	VOYA	MFS Value Fund R6	**	1,067,202
*	VOYA	JPMorgan SmCp Growth Fund R6	**	356,540
*	VOYA	Franklin Utilities Fund R6	**	273,979
*	VOYA	Janus Hndr Dev World Bond Fund N	**	125,725
*	VOYA	Columbia Technology Fund	**	1,497,014
*	VOYA	MnNpr Rainier International Disc Srs Z	**	274,125
*	VOYA	PIMCO Income Fund	**	378,501
*	VOYA	Prudential High Yield Fund	**	336,968
*	VOYA	JPMorgan International Equity Fund R6	**	1,059,292
*	VOYA	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund	**	840,827
*	VOYA	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund	**	1,233,304
*	VOYA	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	**	5,287,543
*	VOYA	Vanguard LifeStrategy Growth Fund	**	4,150,007
*	VOYA	Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	**	134,059
*	VOYA	Vanguard LifeStrategy Income Fund	**	54,035
*	VOYA	Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Growth Fund	**	2,011,986
*	VOYA	Vanguard Financials Index Fund Adm	**	220,108
*	VOYA	Government Money Market Fund	**	400
*	VOYA	Intermediate Bond Fund	**	718,583
*	VOYA	Index Solution Income Port Z	**	217,372
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2025 Portfolio Fund	**	630,620
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2030 Portfolio Fund	**	1,032,854

* Represents a party-in-interest.

** Not required for participant directed plans.

The above data is based upon information which has been certified as complete and accurate by Voya Institutional Trust Company, except for notes receivable from participants.

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

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December 31, 2022

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current value
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2035 Portfolio Fund	**	2,005,008
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2040 Portfolio Fund	**	1,802,462
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2045 Portfolio Fund	**	2,432,220
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2050 Portfolio Fund	**	1,955,685
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2055 Portfolio Fund	**	759,520
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2060 Portfolio Fund	**	474,605
*	VOYA	Index Solution 2065 Portfolio Fund	**	<u>61,060</u>
		Total pooled separate accounts		38,619,301
*	Investment contract: VOYA	Fixed Account	**	1,467,774
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates ranging from 4.71% - 7.50% and maturity dates through 2039	-	<u>475,783</u>
		Total		<u>\$ 40,562,858</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest.

** Not required for participant directed plans.

The above data is based upon information which has been certified as complete and accurate by Voya Institutional Trust Company, except for notes receivable from participants.