

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 CATO INSTITUTE 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1999
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) CATO INSTITUTE 1000 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20001
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-7432162
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 202-218-4621
2d	Business code (see instructions) 541990

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.	08/23/2024	MARISSA DELGADO
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 269
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) 171 6a(2) 187 6b 5 6c 87 6d 279 6e 0 6f 279 6g(1) 229 6g(2) 246 6h 71
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3B 3D

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500. ► Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan CATO INSTITUTE 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CATO INSTITUTE	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-7432162

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA					
(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	334766-01	33	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 1100	(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	
KESTRA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC	704 QUINCE ORCHARD RD STE 400 ROCKVILLE, MD 20878

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
750			3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid	
KESTRA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC	15245 SHADY GRV RD STE 430 ROCKVILLE, MD 20850

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
350			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	1044295
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	0

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
 (3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT**

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

2536404

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

64556

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

0

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

14118

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

7c(4)

404153

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

8931

▶ **LOAN PAYMENTS & FORFEITURES**

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

491758

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

3028162

e Deductions:

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

7e(1)

1499304

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

453

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

7e(3)

484110

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

1983867

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

1044295

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	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 CATO INSTITUTE	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-7432162	

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	53682	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

KESTRA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC

5707 SOUTHWEST PKWY
BLDG 2 STE 400
AUSTIN, TX 78735

(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?
55	BROKER/ADVISER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	37616	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28	INVESTMENT MGMT	11038	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
KESTRA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC	55	37616
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY 8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	OTHER COMMISSIONS	
(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:	MARCUM LLP	b EIN:	11-1986323
c Position:	EXTERNAL AUDITOR		
d Address:	1 RESEARCH CT #400 ROCKVILLE, MD 20850	e Telephone:	301-979-6000

Explanation: AUDITOR ROTATION

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

Explanation:

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c Position:			
d Address:		e Telephone:	

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Explanation:

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Part I Asset and Liability Statement			
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	166867	153980
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	28207308	35695810
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	2536404	1044294
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	30910579	36894084
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	30910579	36894084

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)	870028	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1422938	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	256671	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2549637
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	7192	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	14118	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		21310
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1083594	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1083594
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		4541678
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		8196219

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2147994	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		2147994
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	53682	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	11038	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		64720
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2212714

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		5983505
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **APRIO, LLP**

(2) EIN: **57-1157523**

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.)	☒	☐	50864
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?	☒	☐	500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☐	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CATO INSTITUTE 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CATO INSTITUTE		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-7432162

Part I

Distributions

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

1

Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....

1

0

2

Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 20-3691708

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3

Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year

3

Part II

Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4

Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5

If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6

a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....

6a

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....

6b

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)

6c

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7

Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

8

If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Part III

Amendments

9

If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.

☐ Increase

☐ Decrease

☐ Both

☐ No

Part IV

ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10

Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....

☐ Yes

☐ No

11

a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

12

Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?

☐ Yes

☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.	
a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:	
☐ Yes.	
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☒ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☐ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>11 / 14 / 2022</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702518A</u> .	

CATO INSTITUTE 401(K) PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Cato Institute 401(k) Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Cato Institute 401(k) Plan
Washington, District of Columbia

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Cato Institute 401(k) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of Cato Institute 401(k) Plan's 2023 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

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

Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the 2023 financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

Basis for Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Cato Institute 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2023 Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

- 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 Cato Institute 401(k) Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Cato Institute 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2023 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

Other Matters

2023 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedules of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 and Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year then ended are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

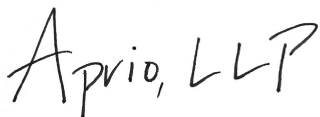
In our opinion:

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

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

Auditor's Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

The financial statements of Cato Institute 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2022, were audited by predecessor auditors. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 16, 2023 indicated that in their opinion (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2022 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2022 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the 2022 supplemental schedules that agrees to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and the information in the 2022 supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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Rockville, Maryland

August 20, 2024

Cato Institute 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 35,695,810	\$ 28,207,307
Investments, at contract value	1,044,295	2,536,404
Receivables		
Participant contributions	-	1,000
Employer contributions	694,805	639,941
Notes receivable from participants	153,980	166,868
Total receivables	848,785	807,809
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 37,588,890	\$ 31,551,520

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

Cato Institute 401(k) Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions

Investment income	
Interest and dividend income	\$ 1,097,712
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	4,541,678

Total investment income	5,639,390
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Contributions	
Employer	924,893
Participant	1,421,938
Rollover	256,671

Total contributions	2,603,502
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Interest income from notes receivable from participants	7,324
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Total additions	8,250,216
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Deductions

Distributions	2,149,902
Expenses	62,944

Total deductions	2,212,846
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Net increase	6,037,370
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Net assets available for benefits

Beginning of plan year	31,551,520
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End of plan year	\$ 37,588,890
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The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Cato Institute 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

1. **Description of the Plan** The following description of the Cato Institute 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Cato Institute (the "Company") who are at least 21 years old, except employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Employees may enter the Plan on the first day of the month subsequent to satisfying the eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Contributions: Each year, participants may contribute up to 100 percent of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Roth contributions are also permitted. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollovers). Participants must complete one year of service, which includes 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year, to be eligible for Company contributions. The Plan provides for a Company safe harbor nonelective contribution of 3% of compensation to all eligible participants. In addition, the Company contributes a fixed additional matching contribution of 25% of the first 8% of compensation contributed by each eligible participant. The Company may also contribute a discretionary additional matching contribution. No such discretionary matching contributions were made for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Company may also make a discretionary nonelective contribution. For the year ended December 31, 2023, discretionary nonelective contributions of \$221,405 were made by the Company. Participants direct the investment of their contributions and Company contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

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Participant accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's safe harbor nonelective, fixed additional matching, and discretionary additional matching contributions, if any, and an allocation of the Company's discretionary nonelective contributions, if any, and Plan earnings. Participant accounts may also be charged with an allocation of certain administrative expenses. Investment earnings and losses are allocated based upon the investment performance of each investment in the participant's account. Allocations of the Company's discretionary nonelective contributions are based on classifications of participants with each participant constituting a separate classification. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Notes receivable from participants: Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years or up to thirty years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus one percent. Principal and interest are paid through payroll deductions.

Vesting: Participants are vested immediately in their contributions and the Company's safe harbor nonelective contributions and matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary nonelective contributions is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 20 percent vested after two years of service is completed, and vests an additional 40 percent per year until full vesting after four years.

Payment of benefits: Benefits are payable upon retirement at age 65, early retirement at age 60, disability, death, or termination of employment. Hardship withdrawals and in-service withdrawals at age 59 1/2 are also permitted, subject to provisions described in the Plan document. Withdrawals from rollover contributions are permitted at any time. Benefits are payable in lump sum or installment payments.

Administrative expenses: Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company. Transaction expenses, such as loan and distribution administration fees, are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment fees are also charged to participants based on account balances in the respective investments.

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Forfeited accounts: At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$74 and \$2,664, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future Company contributions or to pay Plan expenses. During 2023, \$8,674 was used to reduce Company contributions.

2. Significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting: The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

Investment valuation and income recognition: Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

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

Notes receivable from participants: Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Delinquent loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Contributions: Participant contributions and the Company safe matching contributions are recognized in the period the participant contribution is withheld from compensation. Company nonelective contributions are recognized in the period the eligible compensation was paid to the participant.

Payment of benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

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Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent events: The Plan has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure in these financial statements through August 20, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. Certified information

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividend income, and interest income from notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America ("EAICA"), the custodian and insurance company, respectively, of the Plan.

4. Fair value measurements

The Plan reports its assets at fair value based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

Level 2. Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and inputs that are derived from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

The fair value of the shares of mutual funds owned by the Plan is based on quoted net asset values on the last business day of the Plan year.

The fair value of assets is as follows:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 35,695,810	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,695,810

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 28,207,307	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,207,307

5. **Guaranteed investment contract**

The Plan participates in a traditional benefit responsive investment contract with EAICA via an investment in a Guaranteed Investment Contract ("GIC"). EAICA maintains the assets of the GIC with other assets in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. EAICA is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by EAICA, represents contributions made under the contracts, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct withdrawals or transfer all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. There are no events that could limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with the issuer.

6. Risks and uncertainties

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

7. Plan termination

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

8. Tax status

The Plan is a pre-approved plan of Empower Retirement LLC which received an opinion letter on November 14, 2022, in which the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") stated that the form of the plan document was acceptable under the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

9. Party-in-interest transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by affiliates of Empower Trust Company, LLC and EAICA, the custodian and insurance company as defined by the Plan. The Plan also pays certain expenses related to plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. The Company believes these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

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During 2022, the Company failed to remit to the custodian and insurance company certain employee contributions and loan repayments totaling \$50,864 within the period prescribed by Department of Labor regulations. These delinquent remittances are considered nonexempt party-in-interest transactions. The Company made corrective contributions to the Plan in 2023 to compensate affected participants for lost earnings on the delinquent remittances.

- 10. Reconciliation to Form 5500** The following is a reconciliation of amounts in the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 37,588,890	\$ 31,551,520
Employer contributions receivable	(694,805)	(639,941)
Participant contributions receivable	-	(1,000)
Rounding	(1)	-
Total net assets per Form 5500	\$ 36,894,084	\$ 30,910,579
Total net increase per the financial statements	\$ 6,037,370	
Employer contributions receivable - 2022	639,941	
Employer contributions receivable - 2023	(694,805)	
Participant contributions receivable - 2022	1,000	
Rounding	(1)	
Total net income (loss) per Form 5500	\$ 5,983,505	

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EIN: 23-7432162

Plan: 002

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)*December 31, 2023*

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower Lessor or Similar Party	(c)	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
		Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value		
*	<u>Empower Trust Company, LLC:</u>			
	AB Small Cap Growth Portfolio	Mutual Funds	NR	\$ 71,974
	Alger Capital Appreciation	Mutual Funds	NR	1,275,411
	American Funds 2010 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	166,735
	American Funds 2015 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	25,358
	American Funds 2020 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	379,252
	American Funds 2025 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	834,916
	American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	803,492
	American Funds 2035 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	1,835,394
	American Funds 2040 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	559,369
	American Funds 2045 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	598,463
	American Funds 2050 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	1,341,239
	American Funds 2055 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	1,181,720
	American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement	Mutual Funds	NR	216,972
	American Funds The Bond Fund of America	Mutual Funds	NR	71,006
	American Funds New Perspective	Mutual Funds	NR	1,391,647
	Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Fund	Mutual Funds	NR	587,895
	Columbia Small Cap Index Fund Institutional	Mutual Funds	NR	3,311,321
	Delaware Ivy Mid Cap Growth	Mutual Funds	NR	1,070,793
	Fidelity Select Technology Portfolio	Mutual Funds	NR	548,692
	Franklin Small Cap Value	Mutual Funds	NR	105,723
	Invesco Developing Markets	Mutual Funds	NR	448,747
	JPMorgan Equity Income	Mutual Funds	NR	698,050
	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth	Mutual Funds	NR	440,080
	PGIM Jennison International Opportunities	Mutual Funds	NR	306,000
	T. Rowe Price Capital Appreciation	Mutual Funds	NR	544,923
	T. Rowe Price U.S. High Yield	Mutual Funds	NR	723,519
	Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Funds	NR	8,849,873
	Vanguard Energy Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Funds	NR	10,593

Refer to accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

Cato Institute 401(k) Plan

EIN: 23-7432162

Plan: 002

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)(Continued)*December 31, 2023*

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund	NR	632,702
	Vanguard Materials Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund	NR	19,160
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund	NR	1,528,579
	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund	NR	862,964
	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund	NR	2,598,604
	Victory Sycamore Established Value	Mutual Fund	NR	678,255
	Western Asset Core Plus Bond	Mutual Fund	NR	976,389
* <u>Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America:</u>				
		Guaranteed Investment Contract, at contract value	NR	1,044,295
* Key Guaranteed Portfolio				
	Subtotal			36,740,105
		Various, bearing interest from 4.25%-9.5%	-	153,980
* Participant loans				
	Total			\$ 36,894,085

* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

NR - Not required for participant directed funds.

Refer to accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

Cato Institute 401(k) Plan

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Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions*Year Ended December 31, 2023*

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

2022 \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ 50,864

Refer to accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

Name of Plan: Cato Institute 401(k) Plan

Employer Identification No.: ► 23-7432162

Plan year (beginning/ending): 01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023 **Plan number:** 002

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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

Cato Institute 401K Plan

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
1RFTTX			164,466.41	166,734.51
1RFJTX			25,223.52	25,358.37
1RRCTX			379,959.99	379,252.05
1RFDTX			799,565.41	834,916.28
1RFETX			768,505.49	803,491.64
1RFFTX			1,653,155.22	1,835,394.30
1RFGTX			526,518.52	559,369.17
1RFHTX			537,825.63	598,463.26
1RFITX			1,241,620.38	1,341,238.92
1RFKTX			1,069,387.68	1,181,719.73
1RFUTX			199,676.75	216,972.18
1TRAIX			502,137.24	544,923.11
1RNPGX			1,140,038.61	1,391,646.66
1ODVIX			460,591.69	448,746.90
1PWJQX			326,612.26	305,999.77
1VTIAX			2,395,294.41	2,598,603.64
1CSEIX			645,575.07	587,894.60
1FSPTX			403,526.32	548,692.43
1VENAX			9,500.29	10,593.26
1VMIAx			14,785.95	19,159.69
1QUAZX			69,788.56	71,974.49
1NMSCX			3,043,330.35	3,311,321.32
1FRCSX			98,853.84	105,722.92
1IGRFX			957,475.57	1,070,793.23
1VIMAX			1,114,497.19	1,528,578.57
1VEVRX			610,863.92	678,255.06
1ACAZX			1,237,645.97	1,275,410.61
1OIEJX			549,152.56	698,049.89
1JLGMX			348,014.15	440,080.24
1VFIAX			4,978,609.12	8,849,872.68
1RBFGX			68,638.63	71,005.95
1TUIHX			819,193.89	723,519.21
1VAIPX			716,393.21	632,701.95
1VBTLX			937,069.57	862,963.66
1WAPSX			1,191,279.98	976,389.75
1KGPF		1.300	978,170.63	1,044,220.61
			30,982,943.98	36,740,030.61
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	4.250-9.500	153,979.77	153,979.77
FORFEITURES			72.62	73.97

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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Cato Institute 401K Plan

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
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LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1RFTTX American Funds 2010 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1RRCTX American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1RFETX American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1RFGTX American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1RFITX American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1RFUTX American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1RNPGX American Funds New Perspective R6
 1PWJQX PGIM Jennison International Opps R6
 1CSEIX Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities A
 1VENAX Vanguard Energy Index Adm
 1QUAZX AB Small Cap Growth Z
 1FRCSX Franklin Small Cap Value R6
 1VIMAX Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral
 1ACAZX Alger Capital Appreciation Z
 1JLGMX JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6
 1RBFGX American Funds Bond Fund of Amer R6
 1VAIPX Vanguard Inflation-Protected Secs Adm
 1WAPSX Western Asset Core Plus Bond IS

1RFJTX American Funds 2015 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1RFDTX American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1RFFTX American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1RFHTX American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1RFKTX American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire R6
 1TRAIX T. Rowe Price Capital Appreciation I
 1ODVIX Invesco Developing Markets R6
 1VTIAX Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Admiral
 1FSPTX Fidelity Select Technology
 1VMIAx Vanguard Materials Index Adm
 1NMSCX Columbia Small Cap Index Instl
 1IGRFX Delaware Ivy Mid Cap Growth R6
 1VEVRX Victory Sycamore Established Value R6
 1OIEJX JPMorgan Equity Income R6
 1VFIAX Vanguard 500 Index Admiral
 1TUHIX T. Rowe Price US High Yield I
 1VBTLX Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral
 1KGPF Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year

CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year