

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p>▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2023</p> <hr/> <p style="font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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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) \_\_\_\_\_

**B** This return/report is:  the first return/report  the final return/report

an amended return/report  a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

**C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶

**D** Check box if filing under:  Form 5558  automatic extension  the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

**E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶

**Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**

<p><b>1a</b> Name of plan  <u>J. SMITH LANIER &amp; CO. PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p>
<p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)          Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)          City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)  <u>J. SMITH LANIER &amp; CO., A MARSH &amp; MCLENNAN AGENCY, LLC COMPANY</u></p> <p><u>300 WEST TENTH STREET</u>  <u>WEST POINT, GA 31833</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan  <u>01/01/1993</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)  <u>26-3237576</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number  <u>800-523-1020</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)  <u>524210</u></p>

**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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/16/2024	FRANK PLAN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	642
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits ..... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	363
	<b>6a(2)</b>	0
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	0
	<b>6d</b>	0
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	0
	<b>6g(1)</b>	0
	<b>6g(2)</b>	0
<b>h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	<b>7</b>	

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

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

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**

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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **12/31/2023**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>J. SMITH LANIER &amp; CO. PROFIT SHARING PLAN</b>		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>002</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>J. SMITH LANIER &amp; CO., A MARSH &amp; MCLENNAN AGENCY, LLC COMPANY</b>		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>26-3237576</b>

**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.

**1 Coverage Information:**

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

<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
<b>84-0467907</b>	<b>68322</b>	<b>194547-01</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>01/01/2023</b>	<b>12/31/2023</b>

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid
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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

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

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

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**  
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	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>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b>	4490825	
<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	5	
	<b>7c(2)</b>	0	
	<b>7c(3)</b>	265756	
	<b>7c(4)</b>	898742	
	<b>7c(5)</b>	0	
▶ LOAN PAYMENTS			
(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b>	1164503	
<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b>	5655328	
<b>e</b> Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	5576852
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier .....	<b>7e(2)</b>	5648
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	<b>7e(3)</b>	72828
(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b>		
▶			
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b>	5655328	
<b>f</b> Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ) .....	<b>7f</b>	0	

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

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>10b</b>	

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. ▶

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY O 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	63739	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

WARREN AVERETT LLC 2500 ACTON RD  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35243

(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?
10	AUDITOR	30000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

CAPFINANCIAL PARTNERS LLC DBA CAPTR 4208 SIX FORKS RD STE 1700  
RALEIGH, NC 27609

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	9056	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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(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	375	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

QDRO CONSULTANTS COMPANY, LLC

3071 PEARL ROAD  
MEDINA, OH 44256

(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?
16	CONSULTING	300	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

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

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

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

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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  ▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **12/31/2023**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>J. SMITH LANIER &amp; CO. PROFIT SHARING PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>002</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>J. SMITH LANIER &amp; CO., A MARSH &amp; MCLENNAN AGENCY, LLC COMPANY</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>26-3237576</b>

**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
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b> 0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b> 0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b> 0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b> 0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b> 10147475	0
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b> 0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b> 0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b> 0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b> 0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b> 0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b> 0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b> 0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b> 0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b> 0	0
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b> 0	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b> 0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b> 0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b> 64576624	0
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b> 4490825	0
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b> 451991	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</b> End of Year
(1) Employer securities .....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	0
(2) Employer real property .....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....	<b>1f</b>	79666915	0
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....	<b>1g</b>	0	0
<b>h</b> Operating payables .....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities .....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	<b>1l</b>	79666915	0

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

<b>Income</b>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Participants .....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	0	
(2) Noncash contributions .....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		0
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	9910	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	0	
<b>(F)</b> Other .....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	265756	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		275666
<b>(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B) Common stock</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	36709	
<b>(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		36709
<b>(3) Rents</b> .....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds</b> .....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)</b> .....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result</b> .....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B) Other</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	<b>2b(6)</b>		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	<b>2b(7)</b>		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	<b>2b(8)</b>		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	<b>2b(9)</b>		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	<b>2b(10)</b>		3842117
<b>c</b> Other income.....	<b>2c</b>		23916
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2d</b>		4178408

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	83740248	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	<b>2e(2)</b>	0	
(3) Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		83740248
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>2f</b>		0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	<b>2g</b>		0
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	<b>2h</b>		0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	<b>2i(1)</b>	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	<b>2i(2)</b>	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	<b>2i(3)</b>	63739	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	<b>2i(4)</b>	30000	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees.....	<b>2i(5)</b>	9432	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees.....	<b>2i(6)</b>	0	
(7) Actuarial fees.....	<b>2i(7)</b>	0	
(8) Legal fees.....	<b>2i(8)</b>	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees.....	<b>2i(9)</b>	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses.....	<b>2i(10)</b>	0	
(11) Other expenses.....	<b>2i(11)</b>	1904	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		105075
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		83845323

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		-79666915
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan.....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: **WARREN AVERETT LLC**

(2) EIN: **45-4084437**

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

(1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2)  It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		1000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	X		
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

**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 0.

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

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>J. SMITH LANIER &amp; CO., A MARSH &amp; MCLENNAN AGENCY, LLC COMPANY</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-3237576</u>	

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

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 84-1455663

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

<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**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.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	6a	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	6b	
<b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) .....	6c	

**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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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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

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....  Yes  No

**11 a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....  Yes  No

**b** If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....  Yes  No

**12** Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....  Yes  No

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

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

**15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

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

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers .....	<b>16b</b>	

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

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

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

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

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:  
 Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%  
 High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:  
 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-15 years  15 years or more

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

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

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:  
 Yes.  
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. Other. Provide explanation.....

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**21a** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?  Yes  No

**21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).  
 Design-based safe harbor method  
 "Prior year" ADP test  
 "Current year" ADP test  
 N/A

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 11 / 14 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702518A.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Retirement Committee of  
J. Smith Lanier & Co. Profit Sharing Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of J. Smith Lanier & Co. Profit Sharing 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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 (in liquidation), and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended (in liquidation), and the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 (ongoing), 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's) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

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

### Opinion

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

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

**Emphasis of Matter – Basis for Opinion**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the governing body of the Plan approved the termination of the Plan effective February 28, 2023. As a result, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting from the going concern basis used in presenting the 2022 financial statements to the liquidation basis used in presenting the 2023 financial statements. Our opinion was not modified with respect to that matter.

**Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 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.

**Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits 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 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 audits in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- 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 audits in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

*Warren Averett, LLC*

Atlanta, Georgia  
September 6, 2024

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
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	2023 (in Liquidation)			2022 (Ongoing)		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Money market fund – funds held in escrow	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,147,475	\$ 10,147,475
Mutual funds, at fair value	-	-	-	64,576,624	-	64,576,624
Fixed annuity, at contract value	-	-	-	4,490,825	-	4,490,825
Self-directed brokerage account, at fair value	-	-	-	451,991	-	451,991
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 69,519,440</u>	<u>\$ 10,147,475</u>	<u>\$ 79,666,915</u>

See notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>			
Interest and dividend income	\$ 302,465	\$ 9,910	\$ 312,375
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	3,866,033	-	3,866,033
Total investment income	4,168,498	9,910	4,178,408
Allocation of funds held in escrow	10,157,385	-	10,157,385
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS</b>	14,325,883	9,910	14,335,793
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>			
Benefit payments	83,740,248	-	83,740,248
Administrative expenses	105,075	-	105,075
Total deductions	83,845,323	-	83,845,323
Allocation of funds held in escrow	-	10,157,385	10,157,385
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS</b>	83,845,323	10,157,385	94,002,708
<b>NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(69,519,440)	(10,147,475)	(79,666,915)
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT:</b>			
<b>BEGINNING OF YEAR (ONGOING)</b>	69,519,440	10,147,475	79,666,915
<b>END OF YEAR (IN LIQUIDATION)</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

See notes to the financial statements.

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## **1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of the J. Smith Lanier & Co. Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Prior to January 13, 2017, the Plan was sponsored by J. Smith Lanier & Co. (JSL). On January 13, 2017, JSL entered into an agreement (the Merger Agreement) to merge with Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC (MMA, the Sponsor, or the Purchaser), with a January 31, 2017 effective date of the transaction. As a result of the merger, JSL amended the Plan immediately following the effective date of the merger to freeze the Plan, convert the Plan to a profit-sharing plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC), fully vest Plan participants in their account balances under the Plan, provide that distributions of benefits under the Plan shall be made solely in lump-sum cash payments and no longer permit distributions to participants in the form of Sponsor securities and other changes to the Plan consistent with the foregoing. The Plan is subject to applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Plan assets are held by Empower Trust Company, the trustee, and Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (Empower), (collectively, the Certifying Entities) of the Plan. At December 31, 2022, the Plan also had funds held in escrow by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A (the Escrow Agent).

### **General**

The Plan administrator is responsible for oversight of the Plan as instructed by the Plan Committee. The Investment Committee that is made up of Plan Committee members determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Plan's Retirement Committee.

### **Plan Termination**

The governing body of the Plan approved the termination of the Plan effective February 28, 2023. As a result of the termination, Plan assets were distributed to Plan participants during 2023.

The following key provisions are reflective prior to the Plan termination.

### **Asset Allocation**

Based on the terms of the Merger Agreement between JSL and MMA, on January 31, 2017, MMA paid cash consideration to the Plan in exchange for the common stock of JSL as follows:

1. \$71,131,276 allocated to participant accounts,
2. \$12,272,336 held in escrow, including interest earnings, to be released from escrow and allocated to participant accounts evenly on the anniversary date of the transaction over the first three years following the effective date of the Merger Agreement, and

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3. \$10,000,000 held in escrow for indemnity, including interest earnings, to be released from escrow and allocated to participant accounts in year six following the effective date of the Merger Agreement, subject to the terms of the representations and warranties of the Merger Agreement.

As of December 31, 2022, \$10,147,475 was held in escrow and included in Money market fund – funds held in escrow on the statements of net assets available for benefits. In 2023, the remaining funds held in escrow were released and allocated to participant accounts.

**Payment of Benefits**

Distributions from the Plan are payable upon retirement, death, disability or other separation of employment with the Sponsor and upon the participant requesting an in-service distribution. Participants can request an in-service distribution not to exceed 50% of the participant's vested account.

The Plan will make a mandatory distribution immediately following separation of service to participants who have not reached the later of age 62 or 65 with account balances less than or equal to \$1,000. A participant whose vested account balance exceeds \$5,000 may elect to receive a lump-sum distribution or installments upon separation of service. Distributions following a participant's death will be made as the beneficiary elects. A participant may not receive an in-service distribution for any reason other than hardship in an amount which exceeds 50% of the balance in their nonelective contribution account on the distribution date. A participant may not receive more than one in-service distribution for any reason other than hardship in any Plan year.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the Plan has changed its basis of accounting from an ongoing basis used in presenting the 2022 financial statements to the liquidation basis used in presenting the 2023 financial statements.

**Use of Estimates**

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

**Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. 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 participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

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**Investment Valuation**

Investments are valued at fair value based on published values, except for the guaranteed key portfolio fund which is at contract value. Mutual funds and common stocks are traded on national securities exchanges and are valued at the closing price on a daily basis. Money market funds are traded on national securities exchanges and are valued at cost, which approximates fair value. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded as earned.

Realized gains and losses from the sale of investments and changes in unrealized gains and losses of investments are recorded in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits as net appreciation in fair value of investments.

**Benefit Payments**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Administrative Expenses**

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements. During 2023, the Plan paid fees of \$105,075 for investment advisory services, Plan administration and the Plan audit.

**3. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY CERTIFYING ENTITIES**

Certain information related to investments from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, including investments held as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments and interest and dividend income for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by the Certifying Entities.

**4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

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

- Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 – 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 principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value at December 31, 2022:

*Money market funds:* Valued at cost, which approximates fair value.

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

*Self-directed brokerage account:* Investments held at year-end include money market funds, certificates of deposit and common stocks which are valued at fair value.

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

	<b>Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2022:</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
Investments, at fair value				
Money market – restricted cash	\$ 10,147,475	\$ 10,147,475	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	64,576,624	64,576,624	-	-
Self-directed brokerage account	451,991	451,991	-	-
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 75,176,090	\$ 75,176,090	\$ -	\$ -

## **5. FIXED ANNUITY CONTRACT**

During 2017, the Plan entered into a benefit-responsive investment contract with Empower. Empower maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Empower is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

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Because the guaranteed interest account is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed interest accounts. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Empower, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The contract values of the investment contract approximated its fair values at December 31, 2022, as certified by Empower. The crediting interest rate is based on the formula agreed upon with the issuer. Such interest rates are reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory requirements.

Certain events could limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value, including, but not limited to, premature termination of the contract by the Plan. This would cause a one-time adjustment to the aggregate contract value, resulting in a fair value different from the contract value; however, the Plan Administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value are probable of occurring.

**6. RECONCILIATION OF ALLOCATED NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
TO PARTICIPANT ACCOUNT NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

Allocated and unallocated designations distinguish between assets that belong to Plan participants and those that are held in escrow cash accounts. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, a portion of the merger proceeds are held in escrow by the Plan for indemnity and warranty purposes. The funds held in escrow will be released to the Plan upon meeting the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement (reference Note 1). The funds held in escrow and any earnings on those amounts represent the unallocated purchase price of the Sponsor shares that were sold in connection with the Merger Agreement. The cash held in escrow and the related interest income is reflected on the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits in the unallocated column. This distinction is not reflected in the participant account balances when reporting to the participants under ERISA. The funds will be released from escrow and allocated to the accounts of Plan participants upon approval of the appropriate parties as defined by the Merger Agreement.

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The following is a reconciliation of total net assets available for benefits to allocated net assets available for benefits as reported to participants as of December 31, 2022:

	<b>2022</b>
	<b>(Ongoing)</b>
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 79,666,915
Adjusted for:	
Cash held in escrow	<u>(10,147,475)</u>
Allocated net assets available for benefits per participant accounts	<u>\$ 69,519,440</u>

## **7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments were funds managed by the Certifying Entities. Additionally, CapFinancial Partners, LLC, d/b/a CapTrust and Synovus Securities, Inc. serve as advisors to the Plan. Therefore, transactions with these entities qualify as party-in-interest transactions. During the year ended December 31, 2023, fees paid by the Plan totaled \$105,075 for investment advisory services, Plan administration and the Plan audit. Additional administrative costs in 2023 were absorbed by the Sponsor.

## **8. PLAN TERMINATION**

As described in Note 1, the Plan was terminated on February 28, 2023.

## **9. TAX STATUS**

The Plan operates under a standardized prototype plan document. The underlying prototype plan has received an opinion letter dated November 14, 2022, stating that the form of the prototype plan is qualified under section 401(a) of the IRC; and therefore, is tax-exempt. In accordance with Revenue Procedures 2010-6 and 2006-16, the Plan administrator has determined that it is eligible to and has chosen to rely on the current Internal Revenue Service (IRS) prototype opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conjunction with the IRC to maintain its qualified status. 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. Therefore, no provisions for income taxes have been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Plan management evaluates tax positions taken by the Plan and recognizes 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.

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**10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated all other events through September 6, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued and has determined there are no subsequent events that require disclosure under FASB ASC Topic 855, *Subsequent Events*.