

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.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/30/2022

- A** This return/report is for:
 - a multiemployer plan
 - a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of 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

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| 1a Name of plan <u>HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES LLC 401K PLAN</u> | 1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u> |
| | 1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2015</u> |
| 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) <u>HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES, LLC</u> <u>805 15TH STREET NW</u> <u>SUITE 200</u> <u>WASHINGTON, DC 20005</u> | 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>27-1181604</u> |
| | 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>202-822-1205</u> |
| | 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541990</u> |

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.

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| SIGN HERE | <u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u> | <u>09/24/2024</u> | <u>STUART SICILIANO</u> |
| | 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 |

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 | 5 164 |
| 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 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) 110 6a(2) 0 6b 0 6c 0 6d 0 6e 0 6f 0 6g 0 6h 0 |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | 7 |
| 8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 3D 2G 2J 2K 2R 2F 2T 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
| 10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions) | |
| a Pension Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 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 C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/30/2022

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| A Name of plan <u>HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES LLC 401K PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>002</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES, LLC</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>27-1181604</u> | |

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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NEW YORK, NY 10087-4496

| (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 50 | NONE | 9503 | 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)

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| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 99 15 64 50 52 68 | NONE | 1166 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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? |
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| | | | 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.

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

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

| (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)

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| 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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| d Address: | e Telephone: |

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| SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/30/2022 | |
| A Name of plan HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES LLC 401K PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES, LLC | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-1181604 |

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

| Assets | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash..... | 1a | | |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| (1) Employer contributions..... | 1b(1) | 6968 | 0 |
| (2) Participant contributions..... | 1b(2) | 8218 | 0 |
| (3) Other..... | 1b(3) | | |
| c General investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)..... | 1c(1) | 2566 | 0 |
| (2) U.S. Government securities..... | 1c(2) | | |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred..... | 1c(3)(A) | | |
| (B) All other..... | 1c(3)(B) | | |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred..... | 1c(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Common..... | 1c(4)(B) | | |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests..... | 1c(5) | | |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property)..... | 1c(6) | | |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 1c(7) | | |
| (8) Participant loans..... | 1c(8) | 0 | |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts..... | 1c(9) | | |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts..... | 1c(10) | | |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts..... | 1c(11) | | |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities..... | 1c(12) | | |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)..... | 1c(13) | 4256366 | 0 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)..... | 1c(14) | | |
| (15) Other..... | 1c(15) | 59100 | 0 |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | | |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 4333218 | 0 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | | |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | | |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | | |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 0 | 0 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 4333218 | 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.

| Income | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| a Contributions: | | | |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers..... | 2a(1)(A) | 242302 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | 443104 | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | 125467 | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)..... | 2a(3) | | 810873 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 123 | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | 0 | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | 0 | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)..... | 2b(1)(G) | | 123 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | 74757 | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)..... | 2b(2)(D) | | 74757 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)..... | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities..... | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | -918322 |
| c Other income | 2c | | -12801 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | -45370 |
| Expenses | | | |
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 346011 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 2e(3) | | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)..... | 2e(4) | | 346011 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees..... | 2i(2) | 1166 | |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees | 2i(3) | 9503 | |
| (4) Other | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)..... | 2i(5) | | 10669 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 356680 |
| Net Income and Reconciliation | | | |
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d..... | 2k | | -402050 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan..... | 2l(2) | | 3931168 |

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

- (1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

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

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

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

(1) Name: **FRAZIER & DEETER, LLC**

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

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

- (1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, 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.

During the plan year:

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.)

| | Yes | No | Amount |
|-----------|-----|----|--------|
| 4a | X | | 138063 |

| | | Yes | No | Amount |
|---|-----------|-----|----|--------|
| 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.)..... | 4b | | X | |
| 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.) | 4c | | X | |
| 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.)..... | 4d | | X | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?..... | 4e | X | | 160000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | 4f | | X | |
| 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? | 4g | | X | |
| 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?..... | 4h | | X | |
| i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)..... | 4i | | X | |
| 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.)..... | 4j | | X | |
| k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | 4k | X | | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | 4l | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | 4m | | X | |
| 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. | 4n | | | |

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.)

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| BALLAST RESEARCH, LLC 401(K) PLAN | 85-4028030 | 001 |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
|--|---|---|

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/30/2022

| | | |
|--|--|------------|
| A Name of plan <u>HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES LLC 401K PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>002</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES, LLC</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>27-1181604</u> | |

| | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 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): 45-0404698

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.....

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| 3 | |
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| 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

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| 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

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

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... Yes No

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____

c Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____

c Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____

c Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____

c Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____

c Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____

c Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
 0-3 years 3-6 years 6-9 years 9-12 years 12-15 years 15-18 years 18-21 years 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
 Effective duration Macaulay duration Modified duration Other (specify): _____

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 _____

HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES, LLC 401(k) PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Plan Administrator and Participants
Hamilton Place Strategies, LLC 401(k) Plan
Washington, DC

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Hamilton Place Strategies, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

Opinion on the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2022 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

September 24, 2024
Tampa, Florida

Frazier + Deeter, LLC

HAMILTON PLACE STRATEGIES, LLC 401(k) PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

| | <i>December 31,</i> | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
| Assets: | | |
| Investments, at fair value (See Note 4) | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 4,318,032</u> |
| Receivables: | | |
| Employee contributions | - | 8,218 |
| Participant contributions | <u>-</u> | <u>6,968</u> |
| Total receivables | <u>-</u> | <u>15,186</u> |
| Total assets | <u>-</u> | <u>4,333,218</u> |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits | <u><u>\$ -</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 4,333,218</u></u> |

See notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment (loss) income:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Net depreciation in fair value of investments | \$ (931,123) |
| Dividends and interest | <u>74,880</u> |

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Total investment loss | <u>(856,243)</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------|

Contributions:

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| Employer | 266,201 |
| Participant | 485,548 |
| Rollover | <u>125,467</u> |

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Total contributions | <u>877,216</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Total additions | <u>20,973</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Benefits paid to participants | 346,011 |
| Administrative expenses | <u>10,669</u> |

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Total deductions | <u>356,680</u> |
|------------------|----------------|

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|--------------|-----------|
| Net decrease | (335,707) |
|--------------|-----------|

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Plan transfer out | <u>(3,997,511)</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|

Net Assets Available for Benefits:

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Beginning of year | <u>4,333,218</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|

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|-------------|--------------------|
| End of year | <u><u>\$ -</u></u> |
|-------------|--------------------|

See notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 1 - Description of plan:

The following description of the Hamilton Place Strategies, LLC 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 sponsor is Hamilton Place Strategies, LLC (the Company, Plan Sponsor or Plan Administrator). The initial effective date of the Plan was January 1, 2015. The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of the Company who have completed at least three months of service and have attained age 21. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan merged into the Ballast Research 401(k) Plan (Ballast), a qualified plan. All assets were in transit to Ballast as of December 30, 2022.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan. 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 defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). After-tax Roth contributions are permitted. The Company makes safe harbor matching contributions to the Plan of 100% of the first 3% and 50% of the next 2% of eligible compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan up to a maximum of 4%. The Company may make discretionary profit sharing contributions, though during the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company did not make a profit sharing contribution to the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and employer safe harbor matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's profit sharing contribution and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 1 - Description of plan - continued:

Vesting and Forfeitures

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, safe harbor matching contributions, and profit sharing contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Per the Plan, any balance in the forfeiture account would be used to pay administrative expenses or reduce Company contributions. There was no balance in forfeiture account at December 31, 2022 or 2021 and no forfeitures were used in 2022.

Payment of benefits

A participant is entitled to receive a lump-sum or partial payment amount equal to the vested value of his or her account upon attainment of age 59½, termination of service, retirement, disability, or death. A participant may request a withdrawal from the Plan while still under the employment of the Company for reasons of financial hardship, but the withdrawal is limited to the amount of the participant's contributions and earnings thereon.

Notes receivable from participants

The Plan does not allow for notes receivable from participants.

Administrative expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. The Company reserves the right to elect to pay, or have the Plan pay, administrative costs in the future. Investment related expenses are included in net depreciation of fair value of investments.

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies:

Basis of accounting

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

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

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Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

December 31, 2022 and 2021

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies - continued:

Investment valuation and income recognition - continued

measurement date. The Plan Sponsor determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers and trustee. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Use of estimates

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

Risks and uncertainties

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

Recent legislative developments

In December 2019 and December 2022, Congress passed the SECURE Act and SECURE 2.0 Act, respectively, which included numerous reforms to existing retirement law and allows plan sponsors to make certain immediate plan operational changes without formal amendment of the plan document.

In March 2020, Congress passed the CARES Act which included optional immediate changes to distribution and loan provisions without formal amendment of the plan document.

The Plan Sponsor operationally implemented various changes prior to the merger out of existence into Ballast.

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Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies - continued:

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 24, 2024, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued. All subsequent events, if any, requiring recognition as of December 31, 2022, have been incorporated into these financial statements.

Note 3 - Investments and information certified by the trustee:

Ascensus Trust Company (Ascensus) is the trustee for the Plan. Ascensus holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. Management has determined that Ascensus is a qualified institution and the information prepared and certified by Ascensus meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Certain information disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and net depreciation in fair value of investments, and interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2022, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan Administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Ascensus.

Note 4 - Fair value measurements:

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

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Note 4 - Fair value measurements - continued:

- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

- Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges.
- Interest-bearing cash is stated at cost, which approximates fair value due to the short term nature of the investment.
- Self-directed brokerage accounts consist primarily of mutual funds that are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices.

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

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Note 4 - Fair value measurements - continued:

The Plan held no assets as of December 31, 2022. The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021:

| | Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021 | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Mutual funds | \$ 4,256,366 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,256,366 |
| Interest bearing cash | 2,566 | - | - | 2,566 |
| Self-directed brokerage accounts | 59,100 | - | - | 59,100 |
| Investments at fair value | <u>\$ 4,318,032</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 4,318,032</u> |

Note 5 - Related-party transactions:

Certain Plan investments were shares of mutual funds, interest bearing cash and self-directed brokerage accounts managed by an affiliate of the trustee of the Plan. Ascensus was the trustee as defined by the Plan and; therefore, these transactions qualified as party-in-interest transactions and are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net depreciation.

Note 6 - 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 100% vested in their accounts. Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan merged out of existence into Ballast.

Note 7 - Tax status:

The underlying non-standardized pre-approved plan has received an opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020 stating that the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and; therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. The Plan Administrator has determined that it is eligible to and has chosen to rely on the current IRS pre-approved plan opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity

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Note 7 - Tax status - continued:

with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is 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.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 8 - Delinquent contributions:

For various paydates during 2020, 2021, and 2022, the Plan Sponsor did not timely remit participant contributions. The missed earnings for these contributions will be calculated and deposited into Ballast as soon as administratively feasible.

Note 9 - Reconciliation of financial statements to Form 5500:

The following is a reconciliation of net loss and plan transfer out per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Net decrease per the financial statements | \$ (335,707) |
| Less: Participant contributions in transit | (42,444) |
| Less: Employer contributions in transit | <u>(23,899)</u> |
| Net loss per the Form 5500 | <u>\$ (402,050)</u> |
| Plan transfer out per the financial statements | \$ (3,997,511) |
| Add: Participant contributions in transit | 42,444 |
| Add: Employer contributions in transit | <u>23,899</u> |
| Plan transfer out per the Form 5500 | <u>\$ (3,931,168)</u> |

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4A - SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

| | | | | <u>Total That Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions</u> | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan | | | Loan Repayments Included | Contributions Not Corrected | Contributions Corrected Outside Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program | Contributions Pending Correction in Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program | Total Fully Corrected Under Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program and PTE 2002-51 |
| Amount Withheld | Date Withheld | Date Remitted | | | | | |
| \$ 963 | 12/31/2020 | 1/25/2021 | - | \$ 963 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| \$ 103,263 | Various - 2021 | Various - 2021 | - | \$ 103,263 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| \$ 16,999 | 10/15/2022 | 11/10/2022 | - | \$ 16,999 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| \$ 16,838 | 10/31/2022 | 11/10/2022 | - | \$ 16,838 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |