

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☒
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1997
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) ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC 13024 BALLANTYNE CORPORATE PLACE SUITE 1000 CHARLOTTE, NC 28277
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-1015925
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 980-345-1747
2d	Business code (see instructions) 721110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/02/2024	MELANIE GOODWIN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 8688
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 7930 6a(2) 7293 6b 6 6c 703 6d 8002 6e 10 6f 8012 6g(1) 2806 6g(2) 2652 6h 191
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

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

A Name of plan ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-1015925

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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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?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	229050	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC

20-3247391

(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	ADVISOR	45000	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.

04-2654524

(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	ADVISOR	23863	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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)

CHERRY BEKEART, LLP

56-0574444

(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	ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR	10500	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
J H ENTERPRISE T - JANUS HENDERSON 151 DETROIT STREET DENVER, CO 80206	0.35%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
METWEST TOT RTN BD I - BNY MELLON 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
MFS INTL DIVRSN R3 - MFS SERVICE C	0.50%	
04-2865649		

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
TRP BLUE CHIP GRTH - T. ROWE PRICE 52-2269240	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
VRTS C LGCP VAL EQ I - VIRTUS FUND 4400 COMPUTER DRIVE WESTBOROUGH, MA 01581	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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c Position:	
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-1015925	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTN LG CP VAL TR I			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 82-3639536-275	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1216701	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM STABLE VALUE			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 04-3159710-202	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2359257	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):			
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):			
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):			
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):			
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):			
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-1015925

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	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1548322	2012826
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	2318712	3575958
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	53784288	65364960
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	57651322	70953744
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	57651322	70953744

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)	2207311	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	7375645	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	745452	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		10328408
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	109968	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		109968
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1639254	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1639254
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		235537
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		8190156
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		20503323

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	6686664	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		6686664
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		191891
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		9599
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	229050	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	10500	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	68863	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	4334	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		312747
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		7200901

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		13302422
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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: **CHERRY BEKAERT LLP**

(2) EIN: **56-0574444**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☒		422
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		☒	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-1015925
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
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): 04-6568107		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To the Administrative Committee
ESA Management, LLC 401(k) Plan
Charlotte, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of ESA Management, 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) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and we have issued our report thereon dated October 6, 2023. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan ("investment information") by Fidelity Management Trust Company ("Fidelity"), the qualified institution, which is a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("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.

Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated March 13, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

SIGNIFICANT AUDIT MATTERS

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Plan are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's assessment for each of the Plan's investment input levels under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. ASC 820 requires the Plan assess and disclose in the financial statements the level of input for each Plan investment. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to make your assessments for each Plan investment in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

Disclosure in Note 4 regarding information certified to by the Plan's qualified institution, which the Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i.

Party-in-interest transactions in Note 5 that describes the relationship between the Plan and third party administrator for trustee, recordkeeping, investment advisement, and co-fiduciary services and the expenses paid out of Plan assets to these party-in-interests.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Form 5500 Procedures

We are required to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of Form 5500 prior to dating our auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing our audit.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. See *Appendix A – Summary of Adjusting Entries* for misstatements corrected by management. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Reportable Findings

For purposes of this letter, a reportable finding is a matter that includes one or more of the following: (1) noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations, (2) a finding that in our professional judgment is significant and relevant to you regarding your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process, and (3) an indication of internal control deficiencies identified during the audit that have not been previously communicated to management by other parties and that we determined are sufficiently important to merit management's attention. We identified the following reportable findings:

During our testing, we noted formal documentation was unable to be provided for eligible non-participants' election to not participate in the Plan. We recommend Plan management establish procedures such that upon initial eligibility for participation, those employees that elect not to enroll in the Plan complete a negative enrollment form. This would assist in protecting the Plan from accusations that eligible employees were not given the chance to participate and any financial consequences that may result from such accusations.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 6, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Plan’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Plan’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

Our responsibility for the ERISA-required supplemental schedule accompanying the financial statements is to perform adequate procedures to evaluate whether the form and content of the ERISA-required supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, is presented in compliance with the Department of Labor’s (“DOL”) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and whether 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).

This information is intended solely for the use of the Administrative Committee and management of the Plan and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Charlotte, North Carolina
October 6, 2023

**Appendix A – Summary of Adjusting Entries
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2022**

Account		Description	Debit	Credit
Adjusting Journal Entry #1				
To adjust contributions receivable from amounts presented on first financial statement draft to amounts receivable from 12/30/22 payroll date				
2000	Employer Contributions Receivable		\$ -	\$ 50,045
7020	Employer Contributions		50,045	-
2010	Participant Contributions Receivable			1,838
7010	Participant Contributions		1,838	-
			<u>\$ 51,883</u>	<u>\$ 51,883</u>

ESA Management, LLC

401(k) Plan

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule as of December 31, 2023 and
2022 and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023
and Report of Independent Auditor

ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC 401(k) PLAN

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Report of Independent Auditor

To the Plan Sponsor
ESA Management, LLC 401(k) Plan
Charlotte, North Carolina

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of ESA Management, 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). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of 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 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of 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.
- 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. 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 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 these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about 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 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

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

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

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) - Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental 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 their form and content, is presented in conformity with DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

Cherry Bekaert LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina
August 29, 2024

ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC 401(k) PLAN**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
ASSETS:		
Participant-directed investments - at fair value	\$ 68,940,918	\$ 56,103,001
Notes and interest receivable from participants	2,061,050	1,600,070
Contributions receivable:		
Participant	—	241,010
Employer	—	78,498
Total contributions receivable	—	319,508
Total assets	71,001,968	58,022,579
LIABILITIES - Excess contributions payable	231,030	228,163
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 70,770,938	\$ 57,794,416

See notes to financial statements.

ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC 401(k) PLAN**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

ADDITIONS:

Contributions:

Participant	\$ 7,939,750
Employer	2,069,150
Total contributions	<u>10,008,900</u>

Interest income from notes receivable

111,238

Investment income:

Investment income – interest and dividends	1,717,548
Appreciation in fair value of investments, net	<u>8,348,376</u>
Total investment income	<u>10,065,924</u>
Total additions	<u>20,186,062</u>

DEDUCTIONS:

Benefits and excess contributions paid to participants	6,896,793
Administrative fees	<u>312,747</u>
Total deductions	<u>7,209,540</u>

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

12,976,522

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

Beginning of year	<u>57,794,416</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 70,770,938</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022 AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the ESA Management, LLC 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) summarizes the key provisions of the Plan. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General—The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored and administered by ESA Management, LLC (the “Company” or “Plan Sponsor”). The Plan was established on January 1, 1997 and was most recently amended and restated effective November 3, 2023. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as amended. The Plan covers all employee classifications except residents of Puerto Rico, nonresident alien, and leased employees. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan immediately upon hire and the attainment of twenty-one years of age. Participants are eligible to receive employer contributions after 180 days of service.

The November 3, 2023 amendment allows participants to designate that a portion or all of deferred contributions made are Roth 401(k) after-tax contributions.

Administration—The Plan is administered by the Company, which serves without compensation. As the Plan Administrator, the Company has the overall responsibility and authority as the named fiduciary to manage and control the operations and administration of the Plan and may designate one or more individuals or third parties to perform those responsibilities. The Company has outsourced the record keeping function of the Plan to Fidelity Management Trust Company (“Fidelity”), the qualified institution of the Plan.

Contributions— Plan participants make contributions via a deferred salary reduction arrangement. Plan participants may contribute any percentage of pre-tax or after-tax compensation, as defined, up to the annual limits as determined by the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). The Company may make matching contributions at its discretion, as well as additional discretionary profit-sharing contributions. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company made matching employer contributions equal to 50% of the first 6% deferral of eligible compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan, with a maximum match of 3% of the employees applicable salary. There were no discretionary profit-sharing contributions made during the year ended December 31, 2023. Employees may rollover eligible amounts from other qualified plans as rollover contributions.

Participant Accounts—Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions, the Company’s matching contributions, allocations of Company discretionary contributions, if any, and Plan earnings and is charged with withdrawals and allocations of Plan losses and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

Investments—Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan offered various mutual funds and common collective trusts as investment options for participants.

Vesting—Vesting in the Company’s contribution portion of participant accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 33% vested after one year of continuous service, 66% vested after two years and 100% vested after three years. Participants are 100% vested immediately in their own contributions, rollover accounts and earnings thereon.

Notes Receivable from Participants—Participants are able to borrow from their accounts. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000 and the maximum amount is the lesser of one-half of the participant’s vested account balance or \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance in the participant's account during the prior twelve-month period. All loans are charged a fixed interest rate as determined by the Plan Administrator based on the prevailing market interest rates. Loans must be fully repaid

within five years, unless the loan is used for the purchase of a primary residence in which case the loan repayment period may not extend beyond ten years.

Payment of Benefits—At termination of service due to death, disability, retirement or termination for any reason, a participant (or a representative, if the participant is deceased or incapacitated) may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. As an alternative, employees may request a rollover distribution into another eligible plan. Withdrawals can be made in certain hardship cases as defined by the Plan, subject to penalties imposed by the IRC.

Forfeited and Unallocated Accounts—The Plan uses funds from forfeited and unallocated non-vested accounts to reduce current year employer contributions and pay administrative fees. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited and unallocated non-vested accounts totaled \$949,101 and \$1,077,373 respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan utilized funds from forfeited accounts to offset \$251,912 of employer contributions and to pay administrative fees of \$16,278.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting—The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

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

Risks and Uncertainties—The Plan utilizes various investment instruments, including mutual funds and common collective trusts. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, including but not limited to interest rate risk, credit risk, and market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with investment securities, changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near-term and long-term and such changes may materially affect fair values, including amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition—The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains (losses) on investments bought and sold as well as those held during the year. Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Administrative Expenses—Certain costs related to the ongoing administration of the Plan are paid by the Company and are not reimbursed by the Plan. Allowable expenses, as defined, including investment advisory fees and other party-in-interest services discussed in Note 5, are paid by the Plan.

Income Taxes—No provision for income taxes is included in the Plan's financial statements because the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan continues to be qualified and the tax status of the related trust continues to be tax exempt.

Notes Receivable from Participants—Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance and include accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as distributions based on the terms of the Plan. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Payment of Benefits—Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no benefit payments requested and not yet disbursed.

Excess Contributions Payable—The Plan is required to return contributions received during the Plan year in excess of the IRC limits. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, excess contributions payable were \$231,030 and \$228,163, respectively, of which \$231,030 and \$228,163 were returned to participants in early 2024 and 2023, respectively.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

U.S. GAAP establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy based upon observable and unobservable inputs for fair value measurement of financial instruments:

Level 1—Observable inputs, such as quoted prices in active markets at the measurement date for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2—Significant inputs that are observable, directly or indirectly, such as other quoted prices in markets that are not active or inputs which are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability;

Level 3—Significant unobservable inputs for which there is little to no market data and for which the Plan makes its own assumptions about how market participants would price the asset or liability.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received when selling an asset or the price paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety is determined based on the lowest-level input significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value and may not be reflective of future values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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

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. 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 and are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Collective trust funds: Valued at the NAV of units of bank collective trusts. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Collective trust funds held by the Plan are as follows:

Putnam Stable Value Fund: As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund invests in high-quality guaranteed investment contracts (GICs) and similar contracts issued by insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions. The Fund also invests up to 75% of its assets in security-backed investment contracts (SBICs), including separate account products of insurance companies. The Fund invests at least 5% of its assets in high-quality money market instruments, cash, cash equivalents and, pursuant to liquidity and deposit agreements, stable value funds with investment policies and other provisions similar to those of the fund, and may invest without limit in these investments.

Putnam Large Cap Value Trust Class I: As of December 31, 2023, the Fund invests in common stocks of midsize and large U.S. companies, with a focus on value stocks that offer the potential for capital growth, current income, or both. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of the Fund's net assets in common stocks and other equity investments that offer the potential for current income.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the Plan's participant-directed investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement:

2023					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Other	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 65,364,960	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 65,364,960
Common/collective trusts ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	3,575,958	3,575,958
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 65,364,960</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 3,575,958</u>	<u>\$ 68,940,918</u>
2022					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Other	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 53,784,288	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 57,784,288
Common/collective trusts ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	2,318,713	2,318,713
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 53,784,288</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,318,713</u>	<u>\$ 56,103,001</u>

(1) In accordance with U.S. GAAP, these investments are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient and have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

December 31, 2023				
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Common/collective trusts				
Putnam Stable Value Trust	\$ 2,359,257	None	Daily	12 months
Putnam Large Cap Value Trust	\$ 1,216,701	None	Daily	5 days

December 31, 2022				
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Common/collective trusts				
Putnam Stable Value Trust	\$ 2,318,713	None	Daily	12 months

4. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE QUALIFIED INSTITUTION (UNAUDITED)

The following is a summary of the unaudited information regarding the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, that was prepared by or derived from information prepared by Fidelity. The unaudited information as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023 included in the Plan's accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was prepared by or derived from information prepared by Fidelity and furnished to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator has obtained certification from Fidelity that such information is complete and accurate.

	<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Statements of net assets available for benefits:		
Participant-directed investments - at fair value	\$ 68,940,918	\$ 56,103,001
Notes and interest receivable from participants	2,061,050	1,600,070
	<u>For the year ended December 31, 2023</u>	
Statement of changes in net assets available for benefits:		
Appreciation in fair value of investments, net	\$ 8,348,376	
Interest and dividends	1,717,548	
Interest income from notes receivable	111,238	

5. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Fidelity Workplace Services LLC, an affiliate of Fidelity, and therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in the net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. The Plan made the following direct payments, which were not covered by revenue sharing:

Fees paid to Fidelity totaled \$229,050 for the year ended December 31, 2023 and qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Fees paid to Lockton Financial Advisors LLC and Strategic Advisors, Inc. for investment advisory services totaled \$45,000 and \$23,863, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2023 and qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Fees paid to Austin Print Solutions for other services totaled \$14,834 for the year ended December 31, 2023 and qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Notes Receivable from participants qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan Sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

The Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth by ERISA. If the Plan is terminated, participants will become 100% vested in the Company contributions.

7. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has been adopted as a prototype plan and obtained its latest opinion letter on June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the IRC. Although the Plan has

been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and 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 management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax asset or liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination. Management has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that require recognition of an asset or liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

8. RECONCILIATION TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits as reported in the accompanying financial statements to the total net assets per the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 70,770,938	\$ 57,794,416
Accrued excess contributions payable	231,030	228,163
Certain deemed distributions of participant loans	(48,224)	(51,749)
Contributions receivable:		
Participant	—	(241,010)
Employer	—	(78,498)
Total contributions receivable	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ (319,508)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 70,953,744</u>	<u>\$ 57,651,322</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the decrease in net assets available for benefits as reported in the accompanying financial statements to net loss per the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Increase in net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 12,976,522
Plus:	
Excess contributions payable at end of the year	231,030
Collection on defaulted loans in excess of current year defaulted loans deemed as distributions in 2023 for Form 5500 purposes	3,525
Contributions receivable at beginning of year:	
Participant	241,010
Employer	78,498
Total contributions receivable	<u>319,508</u>
Less:	
Excess contributions payable at beginning of the year	(228,163)
Net income per Form 5500	<u>\$ 13,302,422</u>

9. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through August 29th, 2024, in connection with the preparation of these financial statements, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

ESA MANAGEMENT, LLC 401(k) PLAN
Employer ID No: 90-1015925
Plan No: 001
**FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i — SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, and Par or Maturity Value	Cost **	Current Value
	BLKRK LP IDX 2025 K	Mutual Fund		\$ 5,956,726
	BLKRK LP IDX 2030 K	Mutual Fund		7,725,793
	BLKRK LP IDX 2035 K	Mutual Fund		9,426,737
	BLKRK LP IDX 2040 K	Mutual Fund		8,177,663
	BLKRK LP IDX 2045 K	Mutual Fund		7,665,654
	BLKRK LP IDX 2050 K	Mutual Fund		3,700,537
	BLKRK LP IDX 2055 K	Mutual Fund		3,681,409
	BLKRK LP IDX 2060 K	Mutual Fund		985,236
	BLKRK LP IDX RTMT K	Mutual Fund		3,172,832
	COL SM CAP VAL II I3	Mutual Fund		461,037
*	FID 500 INDEX	Mutual Fund		3,403,483
*	FID MID CAP IDX	Mutual Fund		676,750
*	FID REAL ESTATE INVS	Mutual Fund		321,129
*	FID SM CAP IDX	Mutual Fund		655,495
*	FID TOTAL INTL IDX	Mutual Fund		560,022
*	FID US BOND IDX	Mutual Fund		1,573,746
	J H ENTERPRISE T	Mutual Fund		1,485,934
	J H TRITON N	Mutual Fund		700,059
	METWEST TOT RTN BD I	Mutual Fund		569,646
	MFS INTL DIVRSN R3	Mutual Fund		752,625
	MFS MID CAP VALUE R6	Mutual Fund		460,164
	PUTNAM STABLE VALUE	Common/collective trust		2,359,257
	PUTN LG CP VAL TR I	Common/collective trust		1,216,701
	TRP LARGE-CAP GRTH I	Mutual Fund		3,252,283
*	PARTICIPANT LOANS***	Interest rates from 4.25% to 9.50%; Varying maturities through September 2032		2,012,826
				<u><u>\$ 70,953,744</u></u>

* Party-in-interest.

** Cost information has been excluded as all investments are participant-directed investments.

*** Net of \$48,224 in deemed loan distributions.

See accompanying report of independent auditor and accompanying financial statements.