

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 BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1992
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) BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC 1880 OAK AVE STE 200 EVANSTON, IL 60201
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-4169779
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 847-864-5480
2d	Business code (see instructions) 327900

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	JOSEPH ISRAEL
	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	5 200
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) 134 6a(2) 187 6b 0 6c 67 6d 254 6e 0 6f 254 6g(1) 199 6g(2) 251 6h 8
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

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

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 BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-4169779	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL
04-2647786

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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	3268	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	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.	
CB MID CAP I - FRANKLIN TEMPLETON 94-3167260	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.	
HTFD INTL OPPS R4 - HARTFORD ADMIN 41-0679409	0.50%	
(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 S - JANUS HENDERSON 151 DETROIT STREET DENVER, CO 80206	0.50%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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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.	
JPM EQUITY INCOME A - DST ASSET MA 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.50%	
(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 MID CAP VALUE R4 - MFS SERVICE 04-2865649	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.	
AMANA MUTUAL FUND TRUST GROWTH 1300 NORTH STATE ST BELLINGHAM, WA 98225	0.40%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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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.
AMERICAN CENTURY GLOBAL GOLD INV C 4400 MAIN ST 1ST FL KANSAS CITY, MO 64111	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.
AMERICAN CENTURY UTILITIES INVESTO 4400 MAIN ST 1ST FL KANSAS CITY, MO 64111	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.
AMERICAN CENTURY GOVERNMENT BOND 4400 MAIN ST 1ST FL KANSAS CITY, MO 64111	0.25%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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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.	
BNY MELLON S&P 500 INDEX FUND 144 GLENN CURTISS BLVD 8TH FL UNIONDALE, NY 11556	0.30%	
(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.	
BUFFALO DISCOVERY FUND 615 E. MICHIGAN ST MILWAUKEE, WI 53202	0.40%	
(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.	
DOUBLELINE TOTAL RT BOND FD CL N 777 EAST WISCONSIN AVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53202	0.40%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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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.	
DRIEHAUS MICRO CAP GROWTH FUND 25 EAST ERIE ST CHICAGO, IL 60611	0.40%	
(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.	
FRANKLIN BIOTECH DISCOVERY FUND A 100 FOUNTAIN PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716	\$16.00	
(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.	
GUGGENHEIM TOTAL RETURN BOND CL P 9601 BLACKWELL RD STE 500 ROCKVILLE, MD 20850	0.40%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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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.	
GUINNESS ATKINSON GLOBAL INNOVATOR 2220 E. ROUTE 66 STE 226 GLEN DORA, CA 91740	0.40%	
(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.	
OAKMARK INTL INVESTOR CL 111 SOUTH WACKER DR. CHICAGO, IL 60606	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.	
HARTFORD INTL CAP APPR FD CL R4 100 MATSONFORD RD STE 300 RADNOR, PA 19087	0.10%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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JANUS HENDERSON TRITON T 151 DETROIT ST. 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.	
JANUS HENDERSON BALANCED T 151 DETROIT ST. 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.	
JPMORGAN EQUITY INCOME FUND CL A 1111 POLARIS PARKWAY COLUMBUS, OH 43240	0.40%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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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
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.
MATTHEWS ASIAN GROWTH & INCOME FUN	4 EMBARCADERO CENTER STE 550 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111	0.40%
(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.
MATTHEWS CHINA FUND	4 EMBARCADERO CENTER STE 550 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111	0.40%
(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.
PERMANENT PORTFOLIO	600 MONTGOMERY ST STE 4100 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111-2702	0.38%

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:	WARADY & DAVIS LLP	b EIN:	36-2170602
c Position:	ACCOUNTANTS		
d Address:	1717 DEERFIELD RD STE 300 DEERFIELD, IL 60015	e Telephone:	847-267-9600

Explanation: HIRED NEW ACCOUNTANTS AS PART OF SALE OF COMPANY IN 2023.

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

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-4169779	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	946828	1161288
(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)	54690	51170
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	12863903	18257686
(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)	0	23529
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(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)	17361064	24069814
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	56	172

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	31226541	43563659
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	31226541	43563659

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)	779925	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2613460	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	30371	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	3423756
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	49092	
(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)	1184	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		50276
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	2049	636695
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	151174	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	483472	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	171694	9259
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	162435	
(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	5181227
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	5181227	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		3519056
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		12820269

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	477202	
(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)		477202
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	3268	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	2681	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		5949
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		483151

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		12337118
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: **CROWE LLP**

(2) EIN: **35-0921680**

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?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		☒	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	
BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST	001	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	D Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC	36-4169779	

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.....
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

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

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) 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) 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)	14a 14b 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 b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15a 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 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	16a 16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

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

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☒ Yes ☐ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☒ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☒ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702438A</u> .	

**BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING
401(K) PLAN AND TRUST**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Administrator
Beghou Consulting, LLC Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan and Trust
Evanston, Illinois

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Beghou Consulting, LLC Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan and Trust (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023, and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2023 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.
- the information in the accompanying 2023 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).

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Basis for Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of 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 on the 2023 financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2023 Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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.

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

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

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

Other Matters

2023 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) 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 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).

Auditor's Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2022 financial statements of Beghou Consulting, LLC Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan and Trust. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated August 18, 2023 indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2022 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2022 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2022 supplemental 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 determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).


Crowe LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois
September 30, 2024

BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value (Note 4)	\$ 43,540,130	\$ 31,226,541
Receivables		
Employer contributions	118,501	-
Notes receivable from participants	<u>23,529</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receivables	<u>142,030</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 43,682,160</u>	<u>\$ 31,226,541</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
Year ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 9,025,446
Interest and dividends	<u>371,067</u>
	9,396,513

Contributions

Participant contributions	2,613,460
Employer contributions	898,426
Rollover contributions	<u>30,371</u>
Total contributions	<u>3,542,257</u>

Total additions	12,938,770
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	477,202
Administrative fees	<u>5,949</u>
Total deductions	<u>483,151</u>

Net increase in plan assets	12,455,619
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Net assets available for benefits

Beginning of year	<u>31,226,541</u>
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End of year	<u>\$ 43,682,160</u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Beghou Consulting, LLC (“the Company”) Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan and Trust (“the Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the Company. The Plan is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Eligibility: The Plan covers all eligible employees of the Company who are age 21 and older and have provided six months of service. In November 2023, the Plan was amended to reduce the service requirement related to employee deferrals to one month of service. Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, are leased employees, nonresident aliens or temporary employees, as defined, are excluded from eligibility to the Plan.

Contributions to the Plan: Eligible employees are automatically enrolled into the Plan contributing 3% of eligible compensation, unless participation is declined. Participants will have an automatic increase of 1% annually, not to exceed 10%. Participants excluded from this provision include those who already have an automatic deferral increase established, have declined automatic increase participation, or are in their first six months of participation in the Plan. Individual participants may contribute up to 100% of their eligible compensation not to exceed the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)’s maximum allowed into pre-tax and/or after-tax Roth investments. Participants may also rollover pre-tax amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants that have attained 50 years of age may also contribute “catch up” contributions.

The Company makes safe harbor matching employer contributions to the Plan for each eligible participant equal to 100% of the first 1% of an employee’s compensation contributed to the Plan and 50% of the next 5% of employee’s compensation contributed to the Plan.

The Company may also elect to make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution. The Company made a discretionary profit-sharing contribution of \$118,501 related to the 2023 plan year to satisfy non-discrimination thresholds, which was deposited into the Plan in 2024. The Company did not make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution 2022. Plan participants direct the investment of their contributions, the safe harbor matching and profit-sharing contributions into the various investment options offered by the Plan.

Participant Accounts: Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions, the Company’s safe- harbor matching contribution, and an allocation of the Company’s discretionary profit-sharing contribution, if applicable, and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant contributions, plan compensation, or account balances, as defined by the Plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their elective deferral and rollover contributions plus actual earnings thereon. A participant is 100% vested in the Company’s safe-harbor matching contribution portion of their account, plus actual earning thereon, after two years of credited service. A participant is 20% vested after two years of credited service and 20% per year thereafter, attaining 100% vesting after six years in discretionary contributions.

Payment of Benefits: Upon termination of service due to retirement, disability, or death, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum payment or an annuity form of payment. Participants may receive distributions of their elective deferral contributions plus actual earnings thereon under certain financial hardship circumstances. Participants may obtain early retirement benefits at age 55 if they have reached 10 years of service with the Company. Additionally, the plan provides for withdrawals upon attainment of age 59½.

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NOTE 1- PLAN DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Distributions: Upon a participant's death, disability, retirement, or separation from the Company, the participant is entitled to receive a distribution of the vested portion of his or her account balance.

Forfeitures: Forfeitures of participants' accounts for Company matching and discretionary profit sharing can be applied first to pay for administrative expenses under the Plan, if so, directed by the Company, and to the extent not used, to reduce Company contributions. Forfeitures during 2023 and 2022 totaled \$45,659 and \$63,845, respectively. No forfeitures were used to pay for administrative expense or reduce Company contributions in 2022. Forfeitures available for future use were \$129,970 and \$79,481 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Administrative Expenses: Administrative expenses are deducted directly from the Plan's assets as permitted by the Plan. Certain other professional fees are paid by the Company.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures, and actual results may differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties: The Plan provides for various investment. Investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, liquidity, and credit risks. Because of the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the sensitivity of certain fair value estimates to changes in valuation assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the fair values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. 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. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Participants may borrow funds from their account balances up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of the vested interest of the participant in his or her account. Loans must be repaid within five years unless used to purchase a primary residence and are charged interest at a rate determined by the plan administrator.

Subsequent Events: Plan management has evaluated all events or transactions that occurred from December 31, 2023, to September 30, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Effective January 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to reduce the service requirement related to safe-harbor employer matching contributions and discretionary profit-sharing contributions to one month of service.

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NOTE 3 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is the price that would be received by the Plan for an asset or paid by the Plan to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the Plan's principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

Fair value measurements are determined by maximizing the use of observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy places the highest priority on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and gives the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy. The lowest level of significant input determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy.

The following descriptions of the valuation methods and assumptions used by the Plan to estimate the fair values of investments apply to investments held directly by the Plan.

Mutual Funds: The fair values of mutual fund investments are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs).

Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts: Accounts primarily consist of mutual funds and common stocks, that are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchange (Level 1).

The methods 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 methods 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.

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2023, Using			
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
	Total			
Mutual funds	\$ 19,744,470	\$ 19,744,470	\$ -	\$ -
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>23,795,660</u>	<u>23,795,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 43,540,130</u>	<u>\$ 43,540,130</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2022, Using			
	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Mutual funds	\$ 17,361,064	\$ 17,361,064	\$ -	\$ -
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>12,918,649</u>	<u>12,918,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 31,226,541</u>	<u>\$ 30,279,713</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 4 – CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the trustee of the Plan).

NOTE 5 – INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted the provisions of a Fidelity Volume Submitter Basic Plan Document; therefore, the Plan is not required to file for an individual determination letter from the IRS. The volume submitter plan received a favorable opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020. Therefore, the plan administrator believes that the plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

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 the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there are no uncertain tax 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. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

NOTE 6 – RIGHTS UPON 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 would become 100% vested in their employer contributions and earnings thereon.

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NOTE 7 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. The Plan held certain party-in-interest investments, including investments managed by the trustee of the Plan and an affiliate of the trustee, Fidelity Investments, Inc. In addition, notes receivable from participants held by the Plan reflect party-in-interest transactions. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan also paid administrative expenses to Fidelity Management Trust Company of \$5,949. Certain other professional fees for the administration and audit of the Plan were paid by the Company.

NOTE 8 – RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 43,682,160	\$ 31,226,541
Employer contributions receivable	<u>(118,501)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 43,563,659</u>	<u>\$ 31,226,541</u>

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

Increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 12,455,619
Change in employer contributions receivable	<u>(118,501)</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 12,337,118</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2023

Plan Sponsor:	Beghou Consulting, LLC
Employer Identification Number:	36-4169779
Plan Number:	001

	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
		<u>Mutual Funds</u>		
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	**	\$ 4,542,355
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund	**	989,564
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	**	851,130
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	**	5,326
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	**	99,702
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	**	457,459
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	**	250,167
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	**	905,063
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	**	1,867,413
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	**	2,114,967
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	**	1,932,742
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	**	2,379,379
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	**	621,811
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund	**	50,570
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Funds - Various	**	244,411
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Global Ex U.S. Index Fund	**	661,507
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Large Cap Stock Fund	**	232,233
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	**	476,274
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	**	486,569
	Franklin Templeton Investments	ClearBridge Mid Cap Fund Class I	**	92,583
	Janus Henderson	JH Enterprise Fund Class S	**	147,647
	JPMorgan	JP Morgan Equity Income Fund	**	137,021
	MFS	MFS Mid Cap Value Fund Class R4	**	117,077
	Hartford Mutual Funds	The Hartford Internat'l Opportunities Fund Class R4	**	81,500
				19,744,470
		<u>Individual Brokerage Accounts</u>		
	Various	Self-directed brokerage account	**	21,644,999
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Self-directed brokerage account	**	2,150,661
				23,795,660
*	Participants	Notes receivable from participants (Interest rates from 9.00% to 9.50%, with maturity dates through June 2026)	**	23,529
				\$ 43,563,659

* Represents a party in interest.

** Cost basis is not required to be reported for participant-directed accounts.

See independent auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Administrator
Beghou Consulting, LLC Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan and Trust
Evanston, Illinois

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Beghou Consulting, LLC Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan and Trust (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023, and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2023 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.
- the information in the accompanying 2023 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).

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Basis for Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of 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 on the 2023 financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2023 Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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.

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

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

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

Other Matters

2023 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) 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 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).

Auditor's Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2022 financial statements of Beghou Consulting, LLC Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan and Trust. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated August 18, 2023 indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2022 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2022 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2022 supplemental 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 determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).


Crowe LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois
September 30, 2024

BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value (Note 4)	\$ 43,540,130	\$ 31,226,541
Receivables		
Employer contributions	118,501	-
Notes receivable from participants	<u>23,529</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receivables	<u>142,030</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 43,682,160</u>	<u>\$ 31,226,541</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
Year ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 9,025,446
Interest and dividends	<u>371,067</u>
	9,396,513

Contributions

Participant contributions	2,613,460
Employer contributions	898,426
Rollover contributions	<u>30,371</u>
Total contributions	<u>3,542,257</u>

Total additions	12,938,770
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	477,202
Administrative fees	<u>5,949</u>
Total deductions	<u>483,151</u>

Net increase in plan assets	12,455,619
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Net assets available for benefits

Beginning of year	<u>31,226,541</u>
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End of year	<u>\$ 43,682,160</u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Beghou Consulting, LLC (“the Company”) Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan and Trust (“the Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the Company. The Plan is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Eligibility: The Plan covers all eligible employees of the Company who are age 21 and older and have provided six months of service. In November 2023, the Plan was amended to reduce the service requirement related to employee deferrals to one month of service. Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, are leased employees, nonresident aliens or temporary employees, as defined, are excluded from eligibility to the Plan.

Contributions to the Plan: Eligible employees are automatically enrolled into the Plan contributing 3% of eligible compensation, unless participation is declined. Participants will have an automatic increase of 1% annually, not to exceed 10%. Participants excluded from this provision include those who already have an automatic deferral increase established, have declined automatic increase participation, or are in their first six months of participation in the Plan. Individual participants may contribute up to 100% of their eligible compensation not to exceed the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)’s maximum allowed into pre-tax and/or after-tax Roth investments. Participants may also rollover pre-tax amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants that have attained 50 years of age may also contribute “catch up” contributions.

The Company makes safe harbor matching employer contributions to the Plan for each eligible participant equal to 100% of the first 1% of an employee’s compensation contributed to the Plan and 50% of the next 5% of employee’s compensation contributed to the Plan.

The Company may also elect to make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution. The Company made a discretionary profit-sharing contribution of \$118,501 related to the 2023 plan year to satisfy non-discrimination thresholds, which was deposited into the Plan in 2024. The Company did not make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution 2022. Plan participants direct the investment of their contributions, the safe harbor matching and profit-sharing contributions into the various investment options offered by the Plan.

Participant Accounts: Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions, the Company’s safe- harbor matching contribution, and an allocation of the Company’s discretionary profit-sharing contribution, if applicable, and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant contributions, plan compensation, or account balances, as defined by the Plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their elective deferral and rollover contributions plus actual earnings thereon. A participant is 100% vested in the Company’s safe-harbor matching contribution portion of their account, plus actual earning thereon, after two years of credited service. A participant is 20% vested after two years of credited service and 20% per year thereafter, attaining 100% vesting after six years in discretionary contributions.

Payment of Benefits: Upon termination of service due to retirement, disability, or death, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum payment or an annuity form of payment. Participants may receive distributions of their elective deferral contributions plus actual earnings thereon under certain financial hardship circumstances. Participants may obtain early retirement benefits at age 55 if they have reached 10 years of service with the Company. Additionally, the plan provides for withdrawals upon attainment of age 59½.

NOTE 1- PLAN DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Distributions: Upon a participant's death, disability, retirement, or separation from the Company, the participant is entitled to receive a distribution of the vested portion of his or her account balance.

Forfeitures: Forfeitures of participants' accounts for Company matching and discretionary profit sharing can be applied first to pay for administrative expenses under the Plan, if so, directed by the Company, and to the extent not used, to reduce Company contributions. Forfeitures during 2023 and 2022 totaled \$45,659 and \$63,845, respectively. No forfeitures were used to pay for administrative expense or reduce Company contributions in 2022. Forfeitures available for future use were \$129,970 and \$79,481 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Administrative Expenses: Administrative expenses are deducted directly from the Plan's assets as permitted by the Plan. Certain other professional fees are paid by the Company.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures, and actual results may differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties: The Plan provides for various investment. Investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, liquidity, and credit risks. Because of the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the sensitivity of certain fair value estimates to changes in valuation assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the fair values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. 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. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Participants may borrow funds from their account balances up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of the vested interest of the participant in his or her account. Loans must be repaid within five years unless used to purchase a primary residence and are charged interest at a rate determined by the plan administrator.

Subsequent Events: Plan management has evaluated all events or transactions that occurred from December 31, 2023, to September 30, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Effective January 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to reduce the service requirement related to safe-harbor employer matching contributions and discretionary profit-sharing contributions to one month of service.

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NOTE 3 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is the price that would be received by the Plan for an asset or paid by the Plan to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the Plan's principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

Fair value measurements are determined by maximizing the use of observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy places the highest priority on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and gives the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy. The lowest level of significant input determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy.

The following descriptions of the valuation methods and assumptions used by the Plan to estimate the fair values of investments apply to investments held directly by the Plan.

Mutual Funds: The fair values of mutual fund investments are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs).

Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts: Accounts primarily consist of mutual funds and common stocks, that are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchange (Level 1).

The methods 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 methods 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.

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2023, Using			
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
	Total			
Mutual funds	\$ 19,744,470	\$ 19,744,470	\$ -	\$ -
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>23,795,660</u>	<u>23,795,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 43,540,130</u>	<u>\$ 43,540,130</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2022, Using			
	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Mutual funds	\$ 17,361,064	\$ 17,361,064	\$ -	\$ -
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>12,918,649</u>	<u>12,918,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 31,226,541</u>	<u>\$ 30,279,713</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 4 – CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the trustee of the Plan).

NOTE 5 – INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted the provisions of a Fidelity Volume Submitter Basic Plan Document; therefore, the Plan is not required to file for an individual determination letter from the IRS. The volume submitter plan received a favorable opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020. Therefore, the plan administrator believes that the plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

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 the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there are no uncertain tax 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. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

NOTE 6 – RIGHTS UPON 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 would become 100% vested in their employer contributions and earnings thereon.

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December 31, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 7 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. The Plan held certain party-in-interest investments, including investments managed by the trustee of the Plan and an affiliate of the trustee, Fidelity Investments, Inc. In addition, notes receivable from participants held by the Plan reflect party-in-interest transactions. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan also paid administrative expenses to Fidelity Management Trust Company of \$5,949. Certain other professional fees for the administration and audit of the Plan were paid by the Company.

NOTE 8 – RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 43,682,160	\$ 31,226,541
Employer contributions receivable	<u>(118,501)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 43,563,659</u>	<u>\$ 31,226,541</u>

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

Increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 12,455,619
Change in employer contributions receivable	<u>(118,501)</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 12,337,118</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BEGHOU CONSULTING, LLC PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2023

Plan Sponsor:	Beghou Consulting, LLC
Employer Identification Number:	36-4169779
Plan Number:	001

	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
		<u>Mutual Funds</u>		
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	**	\$ 4,542,355
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund	**	989,564
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	**	851,130
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	**	5,326
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	**	99,702
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	**	457,459
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	**	250,167
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	**	905,063
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	**	1,867,413
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	**	2,114,967
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	**	1,932,742
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	**	2,379,379
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	**	621,811
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund	**	50,570
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Funds - Various	**	244,411
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Global Ex U.S. Index Fund	**	661,507
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Large Cap Stock Fund	**	232,233
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	**	476,274
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	**	486,569
	Franklin Templeton Investments	ClearBridge Mid Cap Fund Class I	**	92,583
	Janus Henderson	JH Enterprise Fund Class S	**	147,647
	JPMorgan	JP Morgan Equity Income Fund	**	137,021
	MFS	MFS Mid Cap Value Fund Class R4	**	117,077
	Hartford Mutual Funds	The Hartford Internat'l Opportunities Fund Class R4	**	81,500
				19,744,470
		<u>Individual Brokerage Accounts</u>		
	Various	Self-directed brokerage account	**	21,644,999
*	Fidelity Investments, Inc.	Self-directed brokerage account	**	2,150,661
				23,795,660
*	Participants	Notes receivable from participants (Interest rates from 9.00% to 9.50%, with maturity dates through June 2026)	**	23,529
				\$ 43,563,659

* Represents a party in interest.

** Cost basis is not required to be reported for participant-directed accounts.

See independent auditor's report.