

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 CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC. AND AFFILIATES EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 09/01/1987
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) CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC. 305 HARTMANN DRIVE LEBANON, TN 37087
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 62-0812904
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 615-444-5533
2d	Business code (see instructions) 722511

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.	10/08/2024	AMY HURLEY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/08/2024	AMY HURLEY
	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 60410
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) 58888 6a(2) 56261 6b 40 6c 1296 6d 57597 6e 73 6f 57670 6g(1) 7988 6g(2) 7847 6h 562
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:

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

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 _____
- (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 CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC. AND AFFILIATES EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 62-0812904	

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
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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?
15 52 62 72	RECORDKEEPER	433315	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CAPFINANCIAL PARTNERS, LLC.

26-0058143

(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?
70	CONSULTANT	108125	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(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?
10	ACCOUNTANT	17950	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
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 62-0812904

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK EQUITY INDEX FUND CLASS M		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 45-4365907-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7868209
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX 2025 FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 87-1035812-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 24335702
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX 2030 FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 87-1035932-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 32887736
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX 2035 FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 87-1053383-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 32514416
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX 2040 FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 87-1054299-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 23728656
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX 2045 FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 87-1081115-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15731131
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX 2050 FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 87-1081397-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11727884

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX 2055 FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 87-1102204-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6929422
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX 2060 FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 87-1102365-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4135906
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX 2065 FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 87-1130439-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 308353
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX RETIREMENT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 87-1130620-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11507647
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK MSCI ACWI EX US IMI INDEX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 45-2912262-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2327804
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GALLIARD STABLE RETURN FUND CLASS C		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 52-2250946-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7795500
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: STATE STREET RUSSELL SMALL/MID CAP		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 90-0337987-167	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3423639
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: STATE STREET US BOND INDEX NL SERIE		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 90-0337987-178	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2178075
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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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
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC.</u>		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>62-0812904</u>

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	<u>1716</u>	<u>1528</u>
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	<u>21958</u>	<u>217122</u>
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	<u>166703944</u>	<u>187400080</u>
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	<u>12818242</u>	<u>14826535</u>
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	179545860	202445265
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	179545860	202445265

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)	4959528	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	15846174	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	998408	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		21804110
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	38	
(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)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	0	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		38
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	630885	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		630885
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		25950256
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		2039445
c Other income	2c		60334
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		50485068

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	26943010	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		26943010
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		81313
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)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	433265	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	19950	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	108125	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		561340
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		27585663

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		22899405
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: **LPMC PC**

(2) EIN: **62-1199757**

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.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC. AND AFFILIATES EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 62-0812904	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 94-1687665		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6	a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
	b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
	c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.				
7	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8	If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9	If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

(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 _____

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

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b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%

High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

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

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

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____

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

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☒ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702803A.

**CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC.
AND AFFILIATES EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN**

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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**CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC. AND AFFILIATES
EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN**

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Administrative Committee

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is 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 Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings 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 Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2023 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

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

LBMC, PC

Brentwood, Tennessee
September 26, 2024

**CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC. AND AFFILIATES
EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN**

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Noninterest bearing cash	\$ <u>1,528</u>	\$ <u>1,716</u>
Investments, at fair value:		
Money market fund	216,763	21,638
Mutual funds	14,826,535	12,818,242
Collective trust funds	<u>187,400,080</u>	<u>166,703,944</u>
Total investments, at fair value	<u>202,443,378</u>	<u>179,543,824</u>
Receivables:		
Company contributions	165,013	158,664
Participant contributions	500,575	466,879
Accrued income	<u>359</u>	<u>320</u>
Total receivables	<u>665,947</u>	<u>625,863</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$ <u>203,110,853</u>	\$ <u>180,171,403</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions (reductions) to net assets attributed to:		
Net change resulting from investment activity:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 27,989,701	\$ (36,395,518)
Interest and dividend income	<u>631,054</u>	<u>532,634</u>
Net change resulting from investment activity	<u>28,620,755</u>	<u>(35,862,884)</u>
Contributions:		
Company	4,965,877	4,647,902
Participants	15,879,870	15,144,186
Rollover	<u>998,408</u>	<u>863,294</u>
Total contributions	<u>21,844,155</u>	<u>20,655,382</u>
Net additions (reductions)	<u>50,464,910</u>	<u>(15,207,502)</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid	26,964,120	20,735,953
Administrative expenses	<u>561,340</u>	<u>557,780</u>
Total deductions	<u>27,525,460</u>	<u>21,293,733</u>
Net increase (decrease)	22,939,450	(36,501,235)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>180,171,403</u>	<u>216,672,638</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u>\$ 203,110,853</u>	<u>\$ 180,171,403</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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(1) Description of plan

The following description of the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan. The Plan is sponsored by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (the "Company") and covers substantially all employees of the Company and its affiliates that have adopted the Plan who are age twenty-one or older ("participants"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

(b) Contributions

Participants may voluntarily make qualified retirement contributions to the Plan which are deductible by the participants for federal income tax purposes under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and after-tax Roth contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participant contributions are permitted up to 50% of eligible compensation (limited to 2% for highly compensated employees), as defined by the plan document, up to a maximum of \$22,500 for 2023 and \$20,500 for 2022. Maximum catch up deferral contributions are \$7,500 for 2023 and \$6,500 for 2022. The Company may make a matching contribution to the Plan in an amount determined in accordance with Plan provisions. For 2023 and 2022, the Company matched 50% of each respective participant's contributions up to 5% of the participant's eligible compensation. Participants must have completed 90 days of service to be eligible for the Company matching contribution. Company and participant contributions may not exceed the maximum amount allowable for federal income tax purposes.

(c) Participant accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited or charged with the participant's contributions and allocations of Company contributions, investment earnings (losses), and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant compensation or account balances as defined in the plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

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(d) Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective salary deferral and actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company contribution is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 20% vested after one year of credited service and vests 20% each year until fully vested after five years.

(e) Investment options

Participants direct investment of their contributions and the related Company matching contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers 24 investment options for participants.

(f) Payment of benefits

A participant who terminates employment with the Company is eligible for distribution of his or her vested account balance in the form of a lump-sum distribution or installment payments over a specified period. Vested account balances of \$5,000 or less will automatically be distributed in one of two ways unless another election is made (a lump sum distribution for balances of \$1,000 or less or an automatic rollover to an IRA for all other balances).

(g) Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment prior to becoming fully vested in the Company contribution portion of their accounts. Such forfeitures may be first used to reduce future Company contributions to the Plan. Any remaining forfeitures may be used to pay Plan administrative expenses and then allocated to participant accounts. Forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$92,155 and \$50,316 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, Company contributions were reduced by \$244,143 and \$339,921, respectively, from forfeited nonvested accounts.

(h) Hardship withdrawals

The Plan permits distributions in the event of a hardship, as defined in the plan document. These distributions are taxable and subject to a tax penalty equal to 10% of the hardship distribution amount if the participant is younger than age 59½. Hardship withdrawals are limited to the participant's vested account balance.

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(i) Administrative expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of the Plan and processing of distributions are charged directly to the applicable participants' accounts and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

(j) Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

(2) Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

(b) Investment valuation and income recognition

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

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

(c) Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

(d) Use of estimates

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

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(e) Events occurring after reporting date

The Plan's management has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2023 and September 26, 2024, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

(3) Certified information

The following information was certified as complete and accurate by Bank of America, N.A. as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Noninterest bearing cash	\$ <u>1,528</u>	\$ <u>1,716</u>
Investments	\$ <u>202,443,378</u>	\$ <u>179,543,824</u>
Accrued income	\$ <u>359</u>	\$ <u>320</u>
Net change resulting from investment activity	\$ <u>28,620,755</u>	\$ <u>(35,862,884)</u>

(4) Fair value measurements

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

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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

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

- (i) *Money market fund*: Valued at amortized cost. The money market fund is redeemable daily, and there are no restrictions on redemptions.
- (ii) *Mutual funds*: Valued based on the funds' reported closing NAV as of the last business day of the Plan year. The mutual funds are deemed to be actively traded.

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's management believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2023 using the following inputs				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market fund	\$ -	\$ 216,763	\$ -	\$ 216,763
Mutual funds	<u>14,826,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,826,535</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ <u>14,826,535</u>	\$ <u>216,763</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	15,043,298
Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient (a)				<u>187,400,080</u>
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 202,443,378</u>

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**Fair Value Measurements as of
December 31, 2022 using the following inputs**

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market fund	\$ -	\$ 21,638	\$ -	\$ 21,638
Mutual Funds	<u>12,818,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,818,242</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ <u>12,818,242</u>	\$ <u>21,638</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	12,839,880
Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient (a)				<u>166,703,944</u>
Investments at fair value				\$ <u>179,543,824</u>

(a) The collective trust funds are measured at NAV as a practical expedient to estimate fair value and, therefore, have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following table summarizes investments for which the fair value is measured using NAV as a practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Unfunded</u> <u>Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Notice Period</u>
Collective trust funds	\$ 187,400,080	\$ 166,703,944	N/A	Daily	None

(5) Income tax status

The Plan Sponsor adopted a pre-approved profit sharing plan, which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") on June 30, 2020, which stated that the pre-approved plan was designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC and the preapproved plan has been amended. However, the plan administrator believes that the adopted pre-approved plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and is therefore, qualified and exempt from taxation.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (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 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.

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(6) Related party and party-in-interest transactions

As described in Note 1, the Plan paid expenses to various service providers which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

(7) Reconciliation of financial statements to Form 5500

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 203,110,853	\$ 180,171,403
Participant contributions receivable	(500,575)	(466,879)
Company contributions receivable	<u>(165,013)</u>	<u>(158,664)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ <u>202,445,265</u>	\$ <u>179,545,860</u>

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 22,939,450	\$ (36,501,235)
Change in participant contributions	(33,696)	(16,421)
Change in Company contributions	<u>(6,349)</u>	<u>(8,138)</u>
Change in net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ <u>22,899,405</u>	\$ <u>(36,525,794)</u>

(8) Risks and uncertainties

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

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EIN 62-0812904, PLAN No. 001

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current value
	Cash		**	\$ <u>1,528</u>
	Money market fund:			
	Blackrock	FedFund	**	<u>216,763</u>
	Mutual funds:			
	Vanguard	US Growth Fund	**	5,301,093
	Carillon Eagle	Mid Cap Growth Fund	**	1,953,377
	Vanguard	Inflation Protected Fund	**	952,775
	Metropolitan West	Total RTN Fund	**	639,824
	American	Europacific Growth Fund	**	2,272,459
	MFS	Value Fund	**	1,340,876
	Principal	Small Cap Growth Fund	**	263,797
	MFS	New Discovery Value Fund	**	734,204
	JP Morgan	Mid Cap Value Fund	**	<u>1,368,130</u>
	Total mutual funds			<u>14,826,535</u>
	Collective trust funds:			
	Galliard	Stable Return Fund C	**	7,795,500
	Lifepath	Retirement W	**	11,507,647
	Lifepath	2025 W	**	24,335,702
	Lifepath	2030 W	**	32,887,736
	Lifepath	2035 W	**	32,514,416
	Lifepath	2040 W	**	23,728,656
	Lifepath	2045 W	**	15,731,131
	Lifepath	2050 W	**	11,727,884
	Lifepath	2055 W	**	6,929,422
	Lifepath	2060 W	**	4,135,906
	Lifepath	2065 W	**	308,353
	State Street	U.S. Bond Index	**	2,178,075
	State Street	Russell Small/Mid C	**	3,423,639
	Blackrock	Equity Index Fund	**	7,868,209
	Blackrock	MSCI ACWI EXUS	**	<u>2,327,804</u>
	Total collective trust funds			<u>187,400,080</u>
	Total investments			<u>\$ 202,444,906</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest.

** Not required for participant directed plans.

The above data is based upon information which has been certified as complete and accurate by Bank of America, N.A.

Attachment to 2023 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Plan Name: Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings Plan
Plan Sponsor's Name: Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.

EIN:62-0812904
PN:001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	ACCRUED INCOME	ACCRUED INCOME	359	359
	BLACKROCK EQUITY INDEX FD CL M	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	5,311,881	7,868,209
	BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDEX RET W	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	10,596,977	11,507,647
	BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDX 2025 W	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	22,237,491	24,335,702
	BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDX 2030 W	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	29,413,046	32,887,736
	BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDX 2035 W	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	28,532,018	32,514,416
	BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDX 2040 W	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	20,436,535	23,728,656
	BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDX 2045 W	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	13,360,095	15,731,131
	BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDX 2050 W	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	9,887,377	11,727,884
	BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDX 2055 W	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	5,860,628	6,929,422
	BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDX 2060 W	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	3,532,253	4,135,906
	BLACKROCK LIFEPATH INDX 2065 W	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	279,968	308,353
	BLACKROCK MSCI ACWI EXUS CL R	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	2,040,325	2,327,804
	GALLIARD STABLE RETURN FUND C	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	7,369,555	7,795,500
	STATE STREET RUSSELL SML/MID C	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	2,597,354	3,423,639
	STATE STREET U.S. BOND INDEX	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	2,124,442	2,178,075
	BLF FEDFUND	MONEY MARKET	216,763	216,763
	AMERICAN EUROPACIFIC GROWTH R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	2,258,766	2,272,459
	CARILLON EAGLE MID CP GRTH R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,927,106	1,953,377

Attachment to 2023 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Plan Name: Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings Plan
Plan Sponsor's Name: Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.

EIN:62-0812904
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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	JP MORGAN MID CAP VAL FD R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,423,266	1,368,129
	METROPOLITAN WEST TOTAL RTN P	MUTUAL FUNDS	720,515	639,824
	MFS NEW DISCOVERY VALUE R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	749,666	734,204
	MFS VALUE FUND R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,260,750	1,340,876
	PRINCIPAL SMALL CAP GRTH R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	272,753	263,797
	VANGUARD INFLATION PROTECTED	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,063,725	952,775
	VANGUARD US GROWTH FD ADM	MUTUAL FUNDS	4,458,602	5,301,093
	PENDING SETTLEMENT FUND	PENDING SETTLEMENT FUNDS	1,528	1,528
	UNINVESTED CASH	UNINVESTED CASH	0	0

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Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

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(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Administrative Committee

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is 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 Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings 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 Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2023 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

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

LBMC, PC

Brentwood, Tennessee
September 26, 2024

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Noninterest bearing cash	\$ <u>1,528</u>	\$ <u>1,716</u>
Investments, at fair value:		
Money market fund	216,763	21,638
Mutual funds	14,826,535	12,818,242
Collective trust funds	<u>187,400,080</u>	<u>166,703,944</u>
Total investments, at fair value	<u>202,443,378</u>	<u>179,543,824</u>
Receivables:		
Company contributions	165,013	158,664
Participant contributions	500,575	466,879
Accrued income	<u>359</u>	<u>320</u>
Total receivables	<u>665,947</u>	<u>625,863</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$ <u>203,110,853</u>	\$ <u>180,171,403</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions (reductions) to net assets attributed to:		
Net change resulting from investment activity:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 27,989,701	\$ (36,395,518)
Interest and dividend income	<u>631,054</u>	<u>532,634</u>
Net change resulting from investment activity	<u>28,620,755</u>	<u>(35,862,884)</u>
Contributions:		
Company	4,965,877	4,647,902
Participants	15,879,870	15,144,186
Rollover	<u>998,408</u>	<u>863,294</u>
Total contributions	<u>21,844,155</u>	<u>20,655,382</u>
Net additions (reductions)	<u>50,464,910</u>	<u>(15,207,502)</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid	26,964,120	20,735,953
Administrative expenses	<u>561,340</u>	<u>557,780</u>
Total deductions	<u>27,525,460</u>	<u>21,293,733</u>
Net increase (decrease)	22,939,450	(36,501,235)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>180,171,403</u>	<u>216,672,638</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u>\$ 203,110,853</u>	<u>\$ 180,171,403</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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(1) Description of plan

The following description of the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan. The Plan is sponsored by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (the "Company") and covers substantially all employees of the Company and its affiliates that have adopted the Plan who are age twenty-one or older ("participants"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

(b) Contributions

Participants may voluntarily make qualified retirement contributions to the Plan which are deductible by the participants for federal income tax purposes under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and after-tax Roth contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participant contributions are permitted up to 50% of eligible compensation (limited to 2% for highly compensated employees), as defined by the plan document, up to a maximum of \$22,500 for 2023 and \$20,500 for 2022. Maximum catch up deferral contributions are \$7,500 for 2023 and \$6,500 for 2022. The Company may make a matching contribution to the Plan in an amount determined in accordance with Plan provisions. For 2023 and 2022, the Company matched 50% of each respective participant's contributions up to 5% of the participant's eligible compensation. Participants must have completed 90 days of service to be eligible for the Company matching contribution. Company and participant contributions may not exceed the maximum amount allowable for federal income tax purposes.

(c) Participant accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited or charged with the participant's contributions and allocations of Company contributions, investment earnings (losses), and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant compensation or account balances as defined in the plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

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(d) Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective salary deferral and actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company contribution is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 20% vested after one year of credited service and vests 20% each year until fully vested after five years.

(e) Investment options

Participants direct investment of their contributions and the related Company matching contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers 24 investment options for participants.

(f) Payment of benefits

A participant who terminates employment with the Company is eligible for distribution of his or her vested account balance in the form of a lump-sum distribution or installment payments over a specified period. Vested account balances of \$5,000 or less will automatically be distributed in one of two ways unless another election is made (a lump sum distribution for balances of \$1,000 or less or an automatic rollover to an IRA for all other balances).

(g) Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment prior to becoming fully vested in the Company contribution portion of their accounts. Such forfeitures may be first used to reduce future Company contributions to the Plan. Any remaining forfeitures may be used to pay Plan administrative expenses and then allocated to participant accounts. Forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$92,155 and \$50,316 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, Company contributions were reduced by \$244,143 and \$339,921, respectively, from forfeited nonvested accounts.

(h) Hardship withdrawals

The Plan permits distributions in the event of a hardship, as defined in the plan document. These distributions are taxable and subject to a tax penalty equal to 10% of the hardship distribution amount if the participant is younger than age 59½. Hardship withdrawals are limited to the participant's vested account balance.

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(i) Administrative expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of the Plan and processing of distributions are charged directly to the applicable participants' accounts and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

(j) Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

(2) Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

(b) Investment valuation and income recognition

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

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

(c) Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

(d) Use of estimates

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

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(e) Events occurring after reporting date

The Plan's management has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2023 and September 26, 2024, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

(3) Certified information

The following information was certified as complete and accurate by Bank of America, N.A. as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Noninterest bearing cash	\$ <u>1,528</u>	\$ <u>1,716</u>
Investments	\$ <u>202,443,378</u>	\$ <u>179,543,824</u>
Accrued income	\$ <u>359</u>	\$ <u>320</u>
Net change resulting from investment activity	\$ <u>28,620,755</u>	\$ <u>(35,862,884)</u>

(4) Fair value measurements

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

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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

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

- (i) *Money market fund*: Valued at amortized cost. The money market fund is redeemable daily, and there are no restrictions on redemptions.
- (ii) *Mutual funds*: Valued based on the funds' reported closing NAV as of the last business day of the Plan year. The mutual funds are deemed to be actively traded.

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's management believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2023 using the following inputs				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market fund	\$ -	\$ 216,763	\$ -	\$ 216,763
Mutual funds	<u>14,826,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,826,535</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 14,826,535</u>	<u>\$ 216,763</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	15,043,298
Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient (a)				<u>187,400,080</u>
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 202,443,378</u>

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**Fair Value Measurements as of
December 31, 2022 using the following inputs**

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market fund	\$ -	\$ 21,638	\$ -	\$ 21,638
Mutual Funds	<u>12,818,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,818,242</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ <u>12,818,242</u>	\$ <u>21,638</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	12,839,880
Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient (a)				<u>166,703,944</u>
Investments at fair value				\$ <u>179,543,824</u>

(a) The collective trust funds are measured at NAV as a practical expedient to estimate fair value and, therefore, have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following table summarizes investments for which the fair value is measured using NAV as a practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Unfunded</u> <u>Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Notice Period</u>
Collective trust funds	\$ 187,400,080	\$ 166,703,944	N/A	Daily	None

(5) Income tax status

The Plan Sponsor adopted a pre-approved profit sharing plan, which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") on June 30, 2020, which stated that the pre-approved plan was designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC and the preapproved plan has been amended. However, the plan administrator believes that the adopted pre-approved plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and is therefore, qualified and exempt from taxation.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (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 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.

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(6) Related party and party-in-interest transactions

As described in Note 1, the Plan paid expenses to various service providers which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

(7) Reconciliation of financial statements to Form 5500

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 203,110,853	\$ 180,171,403
Participant contributions receivable	(500,575)	(466,879)
Company contributions receivable	<u>(165,013)</u>	<u>(158,664)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ <u>202,445,265</u>	\$ <u>179,545,860</u>

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 22,939,450	\$ (36,501,235)
Change in participant contributions	(33,696)	(16,421)
Change in Company contributions	<u>(6,349)</u>	<u>(8,138)</u>
Change in net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ <u>22,899,405</u>	\$ <u>(36,525,794)</u>

(8) Risks and uncertainties

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

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Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current value
	Cash		**	\$ <u>1,528</u>
	Money market fund:			
	Blackrock	FedFund	**	<u>216,763</u>
	Mutual funds:			
	Vanguard	US Growth Fund	**	5,301,093
	Carillon Eagle	Mid Cap Growth Fund	**	1,953,377
	Vanguard	Inflation Protected Fund	**	952,775
	Metropolitan West	Total RTN Fund	**	639,824
	American	Europacific Growth Fund	**	2,272,459
	MFS	Value Fund	**	1,340,876
	Principal	Small Cap Growth Fund	**	263,797
	MFS	New Discovery Value Fund	**	734,204
	JP Morgan	Mid Cap Value Fund	**	<u>1,368,130</u>
	Total mutual funds			<u>14,826,535</u>
	Collective trust funds:			
	Galliard	Stable Return Fund C	**	7,795,500
	Lifepath	Retirement W	**	11,507,647
	Lifepath	2025 W	**	24,335,702
	Lifepath	2030 W	**	32,887,736
	Lifepath	2035 W	**	32,514,416
	Lifepath	2040 W	**	23,728,656
	Lifepath	2045 W	**	15,731,131
	Lifepath	2050 W	**	11,727,884
	Lifepath	2055 W	**	6,929,422
	Lifepath	2060 W	**	4,135,906
	Lifepath	2065 W	**	308,353
	State Street	U.S. Bond Index	**	2,178,075
	State Street	Russell Small/Mid C	**	3,423,639
	Blackrock	Equity Index Fund	**	7,868,209
	Blackrock	MSCI ACWI EXUS	**	<u>2,327,804</u>
	Total collective trust funds			<u>187,400,080</u>
	Total investments			<u>\$ 202,444,906</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest.

** Not required for participant directed plans.

The above data is based upon information which has been certified as complete and accurate by Bank of America, N.A.