

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 BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2002
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) BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE, 5TH FLOOR LA JOLLA, CA 92037
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 33-0704072
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 858-755-0239
2d	Business code (see instructions) 523900

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.	10/07/2024	JON NAKAGAWA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 280
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) 139 6a(2) 141 6b 2 6c 140 6d 283 6e 1 6f 284 6g(1) 280 6g(2) 284 6h 1
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 3D 3H 3F

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

A Name of plan BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 33-0704072

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

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

No

Yes

☒
- 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)

TRI-AD ACTUARIES, INC.

95-2887986

(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?
13 15 37 50	NONE	82406	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

NORTHERN TRUST CO.

36-1561860

(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?
19 37 50 72	NONE	63162	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

MATRIX TRUST COMPANY

65-1214236

(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?
21	NONE	46672	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
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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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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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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 BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 33-0704072	
Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NT COLLECTIVE SHORT TERM INV					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): NORTHERN TRUST					
c EIN-PN 45-6138589-084		d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14849535		
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:					
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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)		
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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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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 33-0704072

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
	Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	343	244
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	1762261	2086061
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	16500
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	471634	481212
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	27807676	14849535
(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)	33925107	40805201
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	136675866	187048057

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	200642887	245286810
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	430	101
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	430	101
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	200642457	245286709

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)	4399162	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1952649	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	145144	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		6496955
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	35126	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		35126
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	892845	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		892845
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		1728588
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		5656583
c Other income	2c		35921234
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		50731331

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	5894839	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		5894839
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	129078	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(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)	63162	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		192240
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		6087079

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		44644252
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

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: **LAVINE, LOFGREN, MORRIS & ENGELBERG**

(2) EIN: **33-0690020**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 33-0704072	

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	
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): 65-1214236		
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 _____

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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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 Q703007A.

BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 401(K) PLAN

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT,
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 401(K) PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. as the
Administrator of the Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. 401(k) Plan
San Diego, California

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (an "ERISA 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. 401(k) 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 December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. 401(k) 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. 401(k) 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 Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. 401(k) 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule (Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i as of December 31, 2023), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by 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).

Lavine, Lofgren, Morris & Engelberg, LLP

La Jolla, California
October 3, 2024

BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 401(K) PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits As of December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 244	\$ 343
Investments, at fair value	242,702,793	198,408,649
Receivables:		
Employee contribution receivable	16,500	-
Employer contribution receivable	2,086,061	1,762,261
Notes receivable from participants	<u>481,212</u>	<u>471,634</u>
Total receivables	<u>2,583,773</u>	<u>2,233,895</u>
Total assets	245,286,810	200,642,887
LIABILITIES	<u>101</u>	<u>430</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 245,286,709</u>	<u>\$ 200,642,457</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net realized and unrealized appreciation
in fair value of investments

\$ 43,306,405

Dividend income

892,845

Net investment income

44,199,250

Contributions:

Participant - current

1,952,649

Participant - rollover

145,144

Employer - matching

146,136

Employer - profit-sharing

4,253,026

Total contributions

6,496,955

Interest income on notes receivable from participants

35,126

Total additions

50,731,331

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants

5,894,839

Administrative fees and other expenses

192,240

Total deductions

6,087,079

Net increase

44,644,252

Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year

200,642,457

End of year

\$ 245,286,709

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 401(K) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

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NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

General

The Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) is a contributory defined contribution plan established on January 1, 2002, covering eligible employees of Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. and related participating employers: Brandes Worldwide Holdings, L.P., Brandes Investment Partners (Europe) Limited, and Brandes Investment Partners (Asia) Pte. Ltd. Together, these sponsoring employers are hereinafter referred to as the “Company”. The Plan, which was most recently restated effective January 1, 2022, is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”) and the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”).

Matrix Trust Company (the “Trustee”) serves as the trustee of the Plan. The Northern Trust Company and Matrix Trust Company serve as the custodians of the Plan’s investments.

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

Eligibility

Generally, employees include those who have reached 21 years of age are eligible to participate in the Plan for purposes of elective deferral and employer matching contributions. The entry date for participant elective deferrals and for sharing in employer matching contributions is the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date on which the employee has met the eligibility requirements.

For purposes of sharing in Company nonelective (profit-sharing) contributions, an employee must also complete three months of service with the Company. The entry date for profit-sharing contributions is the first day of the Plan year quarter coincident with or next following the date on which the employee has met the eligibility requirements.

The Plan excludes certain classes of employees including, among others, leased employees, those whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement, the terms of which do not specifically provide for participation in the Plan, non-resident aliens with no United States sourced earned income, and interns. Also, employees of Brandes Investment Partners (Europe) Limited, and Brandes Investment Partners (Asia) Pte. Ltd are excluded as well, with the exception that such employees who are citizens or residents of the United States are eligible for profit-sharing contributions. In addition, the Plan excludes highly compensated employees for purposes of employer matching contributions. Notwithstanding the preceding, any employee who was a participant prior to the Plan restatement effective January 1, 2022, shall continue to participate provided such employee continues to be an eligible employee.

Contributions

Participant Contributions – Each year, participants may elect to contribute up to 100% of pretax (or after tax for Roth contributions) annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, not to exceed certain dollar limits set by the Code. Effective April 1, 2016, the Plan includes an automatic salary deferral feature such that newly eligible employees who neither affirmatively select a deferral amount or decline to contribute will automatically be enrolled with a pre-tax contribution rate of 6% eligible compensation. The automatic deferral rate will increase by 1% per year up to a maximum of 10% of eligible compensation. Participants can change their deferral contributions at any time, and those automatically enrolled who prefer to not participate may have their deferrals refunded if they notify the Company within 90 days.

Participants may also contribute amounts (rollover contributions) representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

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NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

Employer Contributions – The Company may make discretionary matching and nonelective (profit-sharing) contributions to the Plan. For 2023, the Company made discretionary matching contributions equal to 50% of the first 6% of compensation that a non-highly compensated employee contributes to the Plan. Matching contributions are determined on a per pay period basis.

For 2023, the Company's Executive Committee authorized a discretionary profit-sharing contribution in the amount of \$4,100,005, based on 15% of participants' eligible compensation, subject to limitations per the Code. Also included in employer profit-sharing contributions are true-ups of profit-sharing contributions from prior years in the amount of \$153,021. As of December 31, 2023, employer contributions receivable consists of \$2,085,555 of profit-sharing contributions, and \$506 of matching contributions.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct both employer and employee contributions in any of the unitized pool, mutual fund, or collective investment trust options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their future investment options at their discretion. There are no investment restrictions on any of the Plan's investment options.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions as well as any Company contributions. Participant accounts are also allocated investment earnings or losses, and are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary and rollover contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Participants also become fully vested in the event of death while in the employ of the Company, termination by reason of disability, attainment of normal retirement age (65) while employed, or termination of the Plan by the Company. Participants vest in the employer matching and profit-sharing contribution portions of their accounts based on years of service. A participant is credited with a year of service for each 12-month period measured from the date of employment until the date of termination of employment.

Effective January 1, 2022, participants vest in the employer matching and profit-sharing contribution portions of their accounts based on the following schedule:

<u>Years of Vesting Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Less than 1	0%
1	20%
2	40%
3	60%
4	80%
5	100%

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NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Vesting (Continued)

However, participants who terminated employment prior to January 1, 2022 vest in the employer matching and profit-sharing contribution portions of their accounts based on the following schedule:

<u>Years of Vesting Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Less than 2	0%
2	20%
3	40%
4	60%
5	80%
6	100%

In addition, participants terminated employment prior to January 1, 2022 would also become fully vested on the later of the date on which they attain age 65 or the fifth anniversary of their plan participation.

Payment of Benefits

In-Service Distributions – Distributions of rollover contributions are permitted at any time. Participants who are age 59½ or older are permitted in-service distributions of the vested portion of their accounts. Participants may also withdraw all or a percentage of their vested account balances upon approval of the Plan administrator and subject to Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) hardship withdrawal rules.

In February 2018, Congress passed the Bipartisan Budget Act (the “Act”). Among other things, the Act provides relief with regard to hardship withdrawal requirements including the following: (1) a participant will not be required to obtain a plan loan before requesting a hardship withdrawal, (2) a participant’s deferral contributions will not be suspended after receipt of a hardship withdrawal, and (3) earnings on elective deferral contributions in a participant’s account will be eligible for hardship withdrawal purposes. The provisions of the Act could be implemented operationally beginning January 1, 2019 prior to formally amending the Plan document. Effective January 1, 2020, the Plan was formally amended to adopt the provisions of the Act with respect to the aforementioned hardship withdrawal provisions.

Other Distributions – Upon termination for any reason including retirement, death, or disability, participants may elect to receive a distribution of their vested account balance (as defined) in lump sum, or defer distribution if the account exceeds \$5,000. If a terminated participant’s vested account balance is less than \$5,000, and the participant does not make a distribution election, the Plan may roll the balance into an individual retirement account designated by the Plan administrator; account balances less than \$1,000 may be distributed directly to the participant. Pursuant to the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (the “SECURE” Act), which became law on December 20, 2019, participants may defer taking distributions as follows:

- If a participant reached the age of 70½ in 2019, the participant may defer receiving distributions until the later of April 1, 2020, or the April following the calendar year in which the participant retires;
- If a participant reaches the age of 70½ in 2020 or later, the participant may defer receiving distributions until the later of the April following the calendar year in which the participant reaches age 72 or retires.

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Payment of Benefits (Continued)

The distribution provisions of the SECURE Act were modified by the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 (Note 8), such that beginning in 2023, the age a participant must begin taking distributions was raised to 73. If a participant reaches the age of 72 during 2023, the participant may defer receiving distributions until April 1, 2025, the latest date that a required minimum distribution may be taken for 2024.

Forfeitures

When participants who are not 100% vested terminate employment, they lose (forfeit to the Plan) the nonvested portion of their account balance. Forfeited amounts may be used to reinstate previously forfeited account balances (if any), to pay administrative expenses, and to reduce Company contributions to the Plan. During 2023, amounts added to the forfeiture account totaled \$99,660, including earnings of \$1,255, and \$100,282 was used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan had a forfeiture balance of \$5,769 and \$6,391, respectively.

Notes Receivable from Participants (Participant Loans)

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum generally equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms may be up to five years, or a reasonable period of time that may exceed five years for the purchase of a primary residence. A participant may have only one loan outstanding at a time. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the Plan administrator. As of December 31, 2023, interest rates on outstanding loans range from 5.25% to 10.50%. Principal and interest are paid regularly through payroll deductions.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid by the Plan. Administrative expenses paid by the Plan include third-party administration, recordkeeping, accounting, and trustee fees.

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 terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, which primarily equals the quoted market price on the last business day of the Plan year. The Brandes Money Market Fund and Brandes Core Plus Fixed Income Fund are collective trusts that are valued at their net asset value as a practical expedient for determining 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.

The Plan invests in securities traded in foreign countries and denominated in foreign currencies. All such open positions are converted at the closing rate in effect at year-end and reported in U.S. dollars. Foreign security transactions are denominated in foreign currencies and translated at the closing rate in effect at the date of such transactions. As such, foreign security positions and transactions are susceptible to foreign currency fluctuations as well as overall market risk. Accordingly, potential unrealized gains and losses from foreign security transactions may be affected by fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. Included in the market value of each such open position is the unrealized foreign exchange gain or loss.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends, which are included in net realized and unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments, are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net realized and unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments includes the Plan's gains or losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Income Tax Status

The Company has adopted a non-standardized pre-approved profit-sharing plan and relies upon the opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), which states that, in its opinion, the pre-approved plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Code. The Company has not applied for a determination letter from the IRS specific to the Plan. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Notes Receivable from Participants (Participant Loans)

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded when earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced to zero and a benefit payment is recorded.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants as well as fees directly associated with distribution requests are charged directly to the transacting participants' accounts and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expenses are included in net realized and unrealized appreciation or depreciation of the fair value of investments.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the independent auditors' report, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and the ERISA-required supplemental schedule (Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i), including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments, dividends, and interest income for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Matrix Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides a 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 as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets at the measurement date. The types of assets carried at Level 1 fair value generally are securities listed in active markets. The Plan has valued its investments, listed on national exchanges at the last sales price as of the day of valuation.

Level 2 – Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – Significant unobservable inputs (including the Plan's own assumption in determining the fair value of investments). The inputs or methodology used in valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

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NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

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 methodology used for investments measured at fair value at December 31, 2023 and 2022. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Registered Investment Companies:

Valued at the daily closing price as quoted by the fund. Registered investment companies held by the Plan are open-end funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common/Collective Investment Trusts:

Valued at the net asset value of units of the collective trusts. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trusts, the issuer may reserve the right to require a notification period in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Investments – Other (Unitized Funds):

Valued at the share prices of the unitized funds as calculated daily by The Northern Trust Company. The initial pricing inputs are the quoted share prices obtained for the underlying investments held which are then adjusted to apply any applicable expense factor.

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

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

	December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Mutual funds	\$ 40,805,201	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,805,201
Investments - other (Unitized funds)	-	187,048,057	-	187,048,057
Total investments in fair value hierarchy	\$ 40,805,201	\$ 187,048,057	\$ -	227,853,258
Common/collective investment trusts measured at net asset value ^(a)				14,849,535
Total investments at fair value				\$ 242,702,793

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NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

	December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Mutual funds	\$ 33,925,107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,925,107
Investments - other (Unitized funds)	-	136,675,866	-	136,675,866
Total investments in fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 33,925,107</u>	<u>\$ 136,675,866</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	170,600,973
Common/collective investment trusts measured at net asset value ^(a)				<u>27,807,676</u>
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 198,408,649</u>

(a) Certain investments (common/collective trusts) that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in these tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to total investments presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following table summarizes certain characteristics of the Plan's investment in the common/collective investment trusts (for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments, and the redemption notice periods are applicable only to the Plan.

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (Participant)	Redemption Notice Period (Plan)
As of December 31, 2023				
Brandes Money Market Fund	\$ 14,849,535	N/A	Daily	N/A
As of December 31, 2022				
Brandes Core Plus Fixed Income Fund	\$ 14,592,869	N/A	Daily	5 days *
Brandes Money Market Fund	<u>13,214,807</u>	N/A	Daily	N/A
	<u>\$ 27,807,676</u>			

* Advanced notice of 5 days if withdrawal exceeds \$1,000,000 or 10% of the assets invested in the fund.

NOTE 5. SECURITIES LENDING PROGRAM

The Plan earns additional investment income by lending the Plan's securities to independent third parties for a fee. Of the net revenue earned by the Plan from lending securities, the Custodian receives 30% for loans of U.S. corporate equity securities and 25% for loans of non-U.S. corporate equity securities. When the Plan lends securities, it is subject to the risk that the borrower may fail to return the loaned securities or may delay the delivery of the securities, in which case the Plan may incur a loss. To alleviate the risk, such loans are continuously secured by non-cash collateral in an amount equal to 102% of the fair value of domestic securities loaned and 105% of the fair value of foreign securities loaned. Earnings from securities lending during 2023 were not significant to the Plan.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 there were no securities on loan.

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NOTE 6. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. ("Brandes") serves as the administrator of the Plan. In addition, Brandes is the investment advisor to the unitized portfolio investments and a collective investment trust, which together comprise a majority of the Plan's investments. Also, the Plan holds a money market common/collective trust investment managed by The Northern Trust Company, one of the Plan's custodians. Brandes does not charge any fees to the Plan for its services; however, administrative expenses are charged to the Plan by Matrix Trust Company, the Trustee, and The Northern Trust Company. The Company also provides certain other administrative services for the Plan at no cost to the Plan. These transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 7. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements. The Plan's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance of investments is limited to the carrying value of such instruments. It is the Plan's policy to continuously monitor these risks.

NOTE 8. SECURE 2.0 ACT

On December 29, 2022, the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 (the "SECURE Act 2.0") became law. The purpose of the legislation is to expand access to retirement plans and to help working Americans increase their retirement savings. In addition to the changes to required minimum distributions described in Note 1, the SECURE Act 2.0 includes various required and optional provisions that will become effective between 2023 and 2033, certain of which are described below:

- Beginning in 2026, catch-up contributions will be made on a Roth basis, unless the participant earns \$145,000 or less.
- Beginning January 1, 2025, a participant from the ages 60 to 63 can elect catch-up contributions up to the limit of the greater of \$10,000 or 150% of the catch-up contribution limit imposed by the IRS.
- Starting January 1, 2025, long-term part-time workers (defined as employees who have worked for two consecutive 12 month periods during each of which they have at least 500 hours of service) will become eligible to enroll in their employer's retirement plan after two years.

Plan management has not yet determined which of the optional provisions, if any, the Plan will implement. Plan management expects to formally amend the Plan by December 31, 2025.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

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Attachment for Form 5500 – Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i –

Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year As of December 31, 2023

EIN: 33-0704072
Plan Number: 002

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	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost ⁽¹⁾	Current value
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	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv	Registered Investment Company	-	97,138
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*	Brandes Core Plus Fixed Income Fund	Unitized Fund	-	15,696,511
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	Total			<u>\$ 243,184,005</u>

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BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 401(K) PLAN

Attachment for Form 5500 – Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i –

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Form 5500Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceDepartment 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****Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

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

- A** This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
- B** This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report
☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ☐
- D** Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program
☐ special extension (enter description) _____
- E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ☐

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 401(K) PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
	1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2002
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) BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P. 4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE, 5TH FLOOR LA JOLLA CA 92037	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 33-0704072 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (858) 755-0239 2d Business code (see instructions) 523900

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		10/8/2024	JON NAKAGAWA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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