# Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

# Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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1210-0089

**2023**

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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.)
- [X] 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:
- [X] 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
VANTAGE BANK TEXAS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

**1c** Effective date of plan 01/01/2020

**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)
VBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

45 NE LOOP 410
STE 500
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
83-0818315

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number
210-408-5700

**2d** Business code (see instructions)
522110

**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. | 10/09/2024 | ERIC THOMPSON |
| | **Signature of plan administrator** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| **SIGN HERE** | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/09/2024 | ERIC THOMPSON |
| | **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 [X] 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

**4b** EIN

**c** Plan Name

**4d** PN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5** | Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | **5** | 468 |
| **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 | **6a(1)** | 412 |
| **a(2)** | Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | **6a(2)** | 402 |
| **b** | Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | **6b** | 1 |
| **c** | Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | **6c** | 35 |
| **d** | Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**. | **6d** | 438 |
| **e** | Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. | **6e** | 2 |
| **f** | Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**. | **6f** | 440 |
| **g(1)** | Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g(1)** | 436 |
| **g(2)** | Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g(2)** | 439 |
| **h** | Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | **6h** | 36 |
| **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:

2I 2O 2Q 3H 3I

**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)** [X] 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)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

- **(1)** [X] **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 0
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(4)** [X] **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) | Service Provider Information | OMB No. 1210-0110 |
|---|---|---|
| Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br>▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.** | **2023**<br>**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

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VANTAGE BANK TEXAS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
83-0818315

## Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

### 1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

HENDERSON HUTCHERSON & MCCULLOUGH

62-1114363

| (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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49 99 | OTHER SERVICES | 13000 | Yes [ ] No [X] | Yes [ ] No [ ] | | Yes [ ] No [ ] |

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

PRINCIPAL

42-0127290

| (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 64 | RECORDKEEPER /BOOKKEEPER | 13816 | Yes [ ] No [X] | Yes [ ] No [ ] | | Yes [ ] No [ ] |

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

STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY INC

ONE FINANCIAL PLAZA
501 NORTH BROADWAY
ST. LOUIS, MO 63102

| (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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34 99 | VALUATION SERVICES | 7500 | Yes [ ] No [X] | 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 |
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| | | |
| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| | | |
| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| **(d)** Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | **(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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## 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:

Explanation:

**a** Name:

**b** EIN:

**c** Position:

**d** Address:

**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

**a** Name:

**b** EIN:

**c** Position:

**d** Address:

**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

**a** Name:

**b** EIN:

**c** Position:

**d** Address:

**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

# SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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## Financial Information

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## 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 reported 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 | 129125 | 285176 |
| **b** Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| **(1)** Employer contributions | 1b(1) | | |
| **(2)** Participant contributions | 1b(2) | | |
| **(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) | | |
| **(9)** Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | | |
| **(10)** Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | | |
| **(11)** Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | | |
| **(12)** Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | | |
| **(13)** Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | | |
| **(14)** Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | | |
| **(15)** Other | 1c(15) | | |

| | | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1d** | Employer-related investments: | | | |
| | **(1)** Employer securities | 1d(1) | 2622678 | 3900015 |
| | **(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 | 2751803 | 4185191 |
| | **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 through1j) | 1k | 0 | 0 |
| | **Net Assets** | | | |
| **l** | Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) | 1l | 2751803 | 4185191 |

## 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.

| | | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Income** | | | |
| **a** | **Contributions:** | | | |
| | **(1)** Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers | 2a(1)(A) | | |
| | **(B)** Participants | 2a(1)(B) | | |
| | **(C)** Others (including rollovers) | 2a(1)(C) | | |
| | **(2)** Noncash contributions | 2a(2) | 1000002 | |
| | **(3)** Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)** | 2a(3) | | 1000002 |
| **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) | | |
| | **(F)** Other | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| | **(G)** Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)** | 2b(1)(G) | | 0 |
| | **(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) | | |
| | **(D)** Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)** | 2b(2)(D) | | 0 |
| | **(3)** Rents | 2b(3) | | |
| | **(4)** Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| | **(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) | | 0 |
| | **(5)** Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| | **(B)** Other | 2b(5)(B) | 277334 | |
| | **(C)** Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)** | 2b(5)(C) | | 277334 |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **(6)** Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| **(7)** Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| **(8)** Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| **(9)** Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| **(10)** Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | |
| **c** Other income | 2c | | 237345 |
| **d** Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 1514681 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| **e** Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| **(1)** Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 42719 | |
| **(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) | | 42719 |
| **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) | 13816 | |
| **(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) | 13000 | |
| **(9)** Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | 7500 | |
| **(10)** Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| **(11)** Other expenses | 2i(11) | 4258 | |
| **(12)** Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)** | 2i(12) | | 38574 |
| **j** Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 81293 |
| **Net Income and Reconciliation** | | | |
| **k** Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d** | 2k | | 1433388 |
| **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)** [X] 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)** [X] 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: HENDERSON HUTCHERSON AND MCCULLOUGH **(2)** EIN: 62-1114363

**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.) | **4a** | | X | |
| **b** Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | **4b** | | X | |
| **c** Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) | **4c** | | X | |
| **d** Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) | **4d** | | X | |
| **e** Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | **4e** | X | | 10000000 |
| **f** Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | **4f** | | X | |
| **g** Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | **4g** | | X | |
| **h** Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | **4h** | | X | |
| **i** Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | **4i** | X | | |
| **j** Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) | **4j** | | X | |
| **k** Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | **4k** | | X | |
| **l** Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | **4l** | | X | |
| **m** If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | **4m** | | X | |
| **n** If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. | **4n** | | | |

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] 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) |
|---|---|---|
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| | | |

**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
VANTAGE BANK TEXAS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
83-0818315

## Part I Distributions

**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

**1** Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions ..... **1** 0

**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 42-0127290

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

**3** Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year ..... **3**

## Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

**5** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

**If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.**

**6 a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) ..... **6a**

**b** Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year ..... **6b**

**c** Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) ..... **6c**

**If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.**

**7** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

**8** If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

## Part III Amendments

**9** If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

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

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

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

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

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

## 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):

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**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): _____

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**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): _____

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

**e** Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **a** The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) | **14a** | |
| **b** The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) | **14b** | |
| **c** The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) | **14c** | |

**15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **a** The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year | **15a** | |
| **b** The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year | **15b** | |

**16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **a** Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year | **16a** | |
| **b** If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers | **16b** | |

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

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

**18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

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

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

## Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/_____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

# VANTAGE BANK TEXAS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022



# VANTAGE BANK TEXAS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Administrative Committee and participants
Vantage Bank Texas Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Fort Worth, Texas

***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of Vantage Bank Texas Employee Stock Ownership Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Vantage Bank Texas Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

***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 Vantage Bank Texas Employee Stock Ownership 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 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.

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 Vantage Bank Texas Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or when applicable, one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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

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 Vantage Bank Texas Employee Stock Ownership 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 Vantage Bank Texas Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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 — Supplementary Schedule Required by ERISA***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2023 and the supplementary schedule of reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) 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 has been subjected to the 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.

In forming our opinion on the supplementary schedules, we evaluated whether the supplementary schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Chattanooga, Tennessee
October 7, 2024

Henderson Hutcherson & McCullough, PLLC

# VANTAGE BANK TEXAS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

## STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

## DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | |
| Cash | $ 285,176 | $ 129,125 |
| Investments (at fair value): | | |
| VBT Financial Corporation stock | 3,900,015 | 2,622,678 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | 4,185,191 | 2,751,803 |
| **NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS** | $ 4,185,191 | $ 2,751,803 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# VANTAGE BANK TEXAS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

## YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | |
|---|---|
| **ADDITIONS** | |
| Investment income: | |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | $ 277,335 |
| Dividend income | 237,344 |
| Total investment income | 514,679 |
| Contributions: | |
| Employer contributions - allocation of 95,694 shares of company stock | 1,000,002 |
| Total additions | 1,514,681 |
| **DEDUCTIONS** | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 42,719 |
| Fees | 38,574 |
| Total deductions | 81,293 |
| **NET CHANGE** | 1,433,388 |
| Net assets available for benefits – beginning of year | 2,751,803 |
| Net assets available for benefits – end of year | $ 4,185,191 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Vantage Bank Texas Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

### General

VBT Financial Corporation (the Company) established the Vantage Bank Texas Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective as of January 1, 2020. Vantage Bank Texas is a related employer and has adopted the Plan as a participating employer. The Plan operates as an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (IRC), and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan consists of two portions: a Profit Sharing Plan Portion and Stock Bonus Plan Portion, and is intended that the Plan continue to satisfy the applicable requirement of Code Section 401(a). The Plan is administered by an Administrative Committee appointed by the Company's board of directors. The Company's board of directors has appointed a committee of trustees for the Plan consisting of five individuals.

On December 31, 2020, the Plan purchased 136,426 shares of the Company’s common stock at a purchase price of $7.33 per share with cash of $1,000,003 and holds the common stock in a trust established under the Plan. During 2022, the Plan purchased 114,548 shares of the Company’s common stock at a purchase price of $8.73 per share with cash of $1,000,004 and holds the common stock in a trust established under the Plan. During 2023, the Plan purchased 95,694 shares of the Company’s common stock at a purchase price of $10.45 per share with cash of $1,000,002 and holds the common stock in a trust established under the Plan.

### Eligibility

For the plan year ending December 31, 2020, each eligible employee of the Company who was employed on December 31, 2020, became a participant in the Plan at the later of the effective date, January 1, 2020, or the date on which the employee completed at least one hour of service. The Plan excludes employees who are (a) a member of a collective bargaining agreement (b) a nonresident alien (c) employed by a related entity that is not a participating employer (d) a leased employee (e) an individual who is not on the payroll of the Company or any related employer (f) classified as an independent contractor. For following plan years employees become eligible to participate in the Plan once they attain age 21 and achieve one year of service in which they complete 1,000 hours. Entry dates are each January 1 and July 1, concurrent with or immediately following completion of the eligibility requirements.

Participants who do not have at least 1,000 hours of service during such plan year or are not employed on the last working day of a plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of company contributions for such year. A participant who separates from service prior to the last day of the plan year or fails to complete 1,000 hours due to separation from service because of death, disability, or normal retirement will share in the allocation of contributions and forfeitures.

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**NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN** (Continued)

**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.

**Contributions**

Each plan year the Company may decide, in its sole discretion, the amount, if any, it will contribute to the Plan as a discretionary contribution. Discretionary contributions, if any, may be made in cash, in shares of corporate stock, or a combination of such assets. Employee contributions are not permitted. For the lan year ended December 31, 2023, the Company made a contribution of approximately $1,000,000 in common stock.

**Participant Accounts**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each plan year with an allocation of company contributions. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's account balance. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

**Vesting**

If a participant's employment with the Company ends for any reason other than retirement, permanent disability, or death, he or she will vest in the balances in his or her account based on total years of service with the Company, according to the following schedule:

| Years of Service | Vesting Percentage |
|---|---|
| Less than 2 | 0% |
| 2 | 25% |
| 3 | 50% |
| 4 | 75% |
| 5 or more | 100% |

(Continued)

**NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN** (Continued)

**Voting Rights**

All company stock held by the Trust is voted by the Trustees. In the event of any corporate matter which would constitute a merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, or sale of substantially all assets, each participant who has been allocated shares of stock may instruct the Trustees as to the voting of those shares. The Trustees shall vote any unallocated shares held by the Trust as well as any allocated shares for which a participant has failed to give timely voting direction.

**Put Option**

Under federal income tax regulations, the employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the current appraised value of the stock. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

**Diversification**

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in company common stock into investments that are more diversified. Participants who are at least age fifty-five with at least ten years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%. The election to diversify is made subsequent to year-end based upon the shares of employer stock in the participant’s account at year-end.

**Payment of Benefits**

The Plan provides for the distribution of the participant's account upon normal retirement, disability, death, or termination of employment. For any reason other than termination of employment, distribution of a participant's account balance will commence during the year following the year in which their retirement, disability, or death occurred. For termination of employment, distribution of a participant's account balance will commence during the year following the year in which the termination occurs. Distributions shall be paid as a lump-sum cash payment for accounts less than $1,000. For accounts greater than $1,000 but less than $5,000 where the participant does not agree to a distribution the vested account balance will be paid in a cash lump-sum payment directly to an IRA established by the plan administrator for the benefit of the participant.

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**NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN** (Continued)

**Payment of Benefits** (Continued)

For account balances that exceed $5,000, the vested account balance will only be distributed at the election of the participant. If the participant does not elect to receive a distribution, the Plan administrator has the option to cash out the shares by converting them to cash at their fair market value. The cash will then be invested by the Trustees in appropriate conservative investments until the participant elects a distribution. Once a distribution is elected the distribution will be made no later than i) as soon as administratively practicable, one year following the end of the plan year in which the participant terminates for distribution on account of death, disability, or retirement ii) as soon as administratively practicable, during the fifth plan year following the end of the Plan year in which the participants terminates for all other reasons.

**Forfeited Accounts**

Forfeitures are allocated to each participant's account based upon the relation of the participant's eligible compensation to total eligible compensation for the plan year. As of both December 31, 2023 and 2022, the total amount of money in forfeited nonvested accounts to be allocated to participants was zero dollars. For the year ended December 31, 2023, no amount of forfeitures was allocated to participants.

**Administrative Expenses**

Certain administration expenses of the Plan may be paid either by the Plan or by the Company. Those expenses paid by the Company are not included in these financial statements.

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), which requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) has adopted the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) as the sole source of authoritative GAAP. The FASB will issue Accounting Standards Updates (ASU) from time to time to make adjustments to GAAP.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

The shares of company common stock are reported at fair value. See Note 3 for a discussion of the fair value measurements. Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

**NOTE 3 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Plan adopted FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements*. FASB ASC 820 defines a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels:

- Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority.
- Level 2 inputs are based on observable inputs corroborated by market data but not quoted on active markets.
- Level 3 inputs are based on unobservable inputs and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the assets or liabilities and have the lowest priority.

The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. The Plan's investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefit.

The plan investments consist primarily of the Company's common stock, which is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows, and other such techniques. Due to the level of risk associated with the investment in the common stock and to uncertainties inherent in estimates and assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the common stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

*The fair value of the Company stock is determined using the following methodology:*

The market approach and income approach were employed in valuing the Company's operations using the capitalization of public company method and discounted cash flow method.

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**NOTE 3 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS** (Continued)

The income approach method utilized in the analysis of the Company involves estimating the level of economic earnings of the Company, determining the applicable relationship between economic earnings and value, and then converting the expected economic earnings into an estimate of value. When the Company is profitable and generating a return for its investors, the earnings capacity of the Company is generally considered to be the most representative measure of the value of the Company.

Theoretically, the market value of an investment in the Company is the present value of the expected future economic earnings generated by the Company. The discounted cash flow method is used when future economic earnings can be reasonably forecasted and are expected to increase at a non-constant rate in the future. The capitalization of earnings method is a simplified version of the discounted cash flow method and is utilized when a representative level of the expected economic earnings of a business can be estimated and this level of economic earnings is expected to increase at a constant rate in the future.

The market approach utilized in the analysis of the Company uses information from actual transactions of comparable businesses or value parameters of guideline publicly traded companies as a basis for estimating the value of a business. When applied to the valuation of an ownership interest in a privately held business, consideration is given to the financial condition and operating performance of the business being valued relative to the companies used to determine the value parameters.

| | | **Fair Value Measurements Using:** |
|---|---|---|
| | **2023** | **(Level 3)** |
| Company stock | $ 3,900,015 | $ 3,900,015 |
| Total assets | $ 3,900,015 | $ 3,900,015 |
| | **2022** | **(Level 3)** |
| Company stock | $ 2,622,678 | $ 2,622,678 |
| Total assets | $ 2,622,678 | $ 2,622,678 |

Reconciliation of the level 3 investments for the year ended December 31, 2023 is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Beginning balance | $ 2,622,678 |
| Purchases | 1,000,002 |
| Appreciation in fair value | 277,335 |
| Ending balance | $ 3,900,015 |

## NOTE 4 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests in company common stock. These are related party and party-in-interest transactions. As described in Note 1, the Company pays all administrative expenses. Additional parties-in-interest include Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, who performed an appraisal of the stock; Principal, who is the recorder keeper for the Plan; and HHM, CPAs, the plan auditors.

## NOTE 5 – TAX STATUS

The Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is therefore not subject to income taxes. The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on August 24, 2021, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification.

The Plan follows the accounting guidance for uncertainty in income taxes using the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes*. The Plan has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions requiring disclosure, and there are no material amounts of unrecognized tax benefits. The Plan's evaluation was performed for tax years from December 31, 2020 through December 31, 2023, the years that remain subject to examination by major tax jurisdictions as of December 31, 2023.

## NOTE 6 – AMOUNTS OWED TO WITHDRAWN PARTICIPANTS

As of December 31, 2023, the amount of net assets available for benefits that were in accounts of participants that are no longer employees of the plan sponsor totaled $155,882. Of those balances, no amount had been requested to be paid to the participants but were not paid until subsequent to the Plan's year end.

## NOTE 7 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The plan administrator evaluated events and transactions subsequent to December 31, 2023 through October 7, 2024 (the date the financial statements were available to be issued) for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. The plan administrator has not identified any items requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

## NOTE 8 – INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investments at December 31, 2023 were as follows:

**Common Stock, VBT Financial Corporation**

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of shares | 346,668 |
| Cost | $ 3,000,009 |
| Fair value | $ 3,900,015 |

# SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

# VANTAGE BANK TEXAS EMPLOYEE
# STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR

EIN 83-0818315

DECEMBER 31, 2023

PN 004

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Identity of Issue Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party** | **Description of Investment, Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value** | **Cost** | **Current Value** |
| * | VBT Financial Corporation stock | 346,668 Shares of Common Stock | $ 3,000,009 | $ 3,900,015 |
| | Total | | $ 3,000,009 | $ 3,900,015 |

* Indicates party-in-interest

# VANTAGE BANK TEXAS EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

EIN 83-0818315

DECEMBER 31, 2023

PN 004

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Identity of Party Involved** | **Description of Asset (include interest rate and maturity in case of a loan)** | **Purchase Price** | **Selling Price** | **Lease Rental** | **Expense Incurred with Trans** | **Cost of Asset** | **Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date** | **Net Gain or (Loss)** |
| VBT Financial Corporation | Stock purchase from 1/1/23 - 12/31/23 | $ 1,000,002 | $ - | N/A | $ - | $ 1,000,002 | $ 1,000,002 | $ - |
| | | $ 1,000,002 | $ - | N/A | $ - | $ 1,000,002 | $ 1,000,002 | $ - |