

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
--	---	---

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 NY HOTELS TRADES COUNCIL & ASSN. OF NYC, INC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1991
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) NY HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL & HOTEL ASSN. OF NYC HEALTH 305 WEST 44TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036-5402
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-1595091
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 212-586-6400
2d	Business code (see instructions) 721110

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2024	JOHN HEIM
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2024	DR. DAVID JACOBSON
	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 1090
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) 715 6a(2) 847 6b 50 6c 294 6d 1191 6e 19 6f 1210 6g(1) 6g(2) 1174 6h 4
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 2S 2T

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
--	--

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 1
- (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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance 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. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	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 NY HOTELS TRADES COUNCIL & ASSN. OF NYC, INC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NY HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL & HOTEL ASSN.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-1595091	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
--------	---	--

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	194524-01	180	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end **4** 15685421**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end **5****6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier **6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
Specify nature of costs ▶**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT****b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 19338279**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)** 737135
(2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)**
(3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)** 354937
(4) Transferred from separate account **7c(4)** 1178243
(5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)** 102107▶ **LOAN REPAYMENTS FORFEITURES**(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 2372422**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 21710701**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)** 3983955
(2) Administration charge made by carrier **7e(2)** 506
(3) Transferred to separate account **7e(3)** 2040819
(4) Other (specify below) **7e(4)**(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 6025280**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 15685421

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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

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

A Name of plan NY HOTELS TRADES COUNCIL & ASSN. OF NYC, INC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NY HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL & HOTEL ASSN.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-1595091

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

X

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

(b)

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

(b)

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

(b)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

EMPOWER LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE CO

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

84-0467907

(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?
64 50	RECORDKEEPER	46874	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
(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
(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
(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
(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
(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

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan NY HOTELS TRADES COUNCIL & ASSN. OF NYC, INC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NY HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL & HOTEL ASSN.		
D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-1595091		

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		
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)	1530232	1614385
(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)	93511213	115158658
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	19289990	15638096
(15) Other	1c(15)		

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	114331435	132411139
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	114331435	132411139

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)	3010579	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	7229287	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		10239866
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)	109699	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		109699
(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)	4749943	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		4749943
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	17283110	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	16787431	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		495679
(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)		
(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)		12675987
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		28271174

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	10160009	
(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)		10160009
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)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	31461	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		31461
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		10191470

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		18079704
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: **MSPC CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

(2) EIN: **22-2951202**

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?	☒		2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		☒	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023					
A Name of plan NY HOTELS TRADES COUNCIL & ASSN. OF NYC, INC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NY HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL & HOTEL ASSN.				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-1595091	
Part I Distributions					
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.					
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....				1	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 84-0467907					
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	0
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	3010579
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....				6b	3010579
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	0
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.					
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
Part III Amendments					
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No					
Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.					
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No					
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No					
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.				Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707	

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)

14c

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

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year

15b

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

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers

16b

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

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of
The New York Hotel Trades Council and
Hotel Association of New York City, Inc.
Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust
New York, New York

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust (the "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, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, 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 The New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 The New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust 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 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust'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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions 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 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 supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules are 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

MSpc

MSPC

Certified Public Accountants and Advisors,
A Professional Corporation

Cranford, New Jersey
September 30, 2024

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
EIN #13-1912520
PLAN NO. 001 - PLAN YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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

(a)	(b) <u>Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party</u>	(c) <u>Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral Par or Maturity Value</u>	(d) <u>Cost</u>	(e) <u>Current Value</u>
Mutual Funds:				
	American Century Small Cap Growth		\$ 1,518,761	\$ 1,861,458
	American Funds 2010 Trgt Date Retire		7,224,609	7,009,257
	American Funds 2015 Trgt Date Retire		52,792	54,177
	American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire		51,178	52,763
	American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire		9,976,532	9,929,886
	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire		11,298,072	11,401,704
	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire		9,620,372	9,840,610
	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire		7,214,301	7,471,238
	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire		6,394,237	6,640,061
	American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire		3,397,875	3,555,042
	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire		2,423,007	2,573,271
	American Funds 2065 Trgt Date Retire		478,790	514,159
	American Funds Europacific Growth Fund		45,014	47,148
	Baird Core Plus Bond Inst		2,829,544	2,959,735
	Mainstay Large Cap Growth Fund		2,280,317	2,060,550
	Oppenheimer Developing Markets I		7,943,818	10,018,824
	Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income I		340,798	324,870
	Principal Real Estate Securities		1,561,581	1,336,079
	Putnam - Eagle Mid Cap Growth Fund		6,390,676	6,589,677
	Putnam Equity Income Fund		1,330,178	1,761,496
	Putnam - Mfs Mid Cap Value Fund		234,095	233,045
	Putnam - Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares		6,696,077	8,261,510
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm		2,224,853	2,953,746
	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund		<u>11,440,649</u>	<u>17,708,352</u>
	Total Mutual Funds		102,968,126	115,158,658
Guaranteed Insurance Contract:				
	Great-West Life and Annuity	2.200%	14,300,531	15,638,096
	*Notes Receivable from Participants	(Various) 5.25%-10.55%	<u>1,613,688</u>	<u>1,614,385</u>
	Totals		<u>\$ 118,882,345</u>	<u>\$ 132,411,139</u>

*Party-in-Interest, as defined by ERISA.

See Independent Auditors' Report.

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND
HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**



MOORE

An independent firm associated with
Moore Global Network Limited

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

Index to Financial Statements

	<u>Pages</u>
Independent Auditors' Report	1-3
Financial Statements:	
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022	4
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022	5
Notes to Financial Statements	6-11
Supplementary Information:	
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)	13
Schedule H, line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions	14

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of
The New York Hotel Trades Council and
Hotel Association of New York City, Inc.
Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust
New York, New York

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust (the "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, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, 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 The New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 The New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust 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 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust'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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions 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 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 supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules are 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

MSpc

MSPC

Certified Public Accountants and Advisors,
A Professional Corporation

Cranford, New Jersey
September 30, 2024

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2 0 2 3</u>	<u>2 0 2 2</u>
<i>Assets:</i>		
Investments at Fair Value:		
Mutual Funds	\$ 115,158,658	\$ 93,511,213
Investments at Contract Value:		
Guaranteed Investment Contract	<u>15,638,096</u>	<u>19,289,990</u>
Total Investments	130,796,754	112,801,203
Receivables:		
Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>1,614,385</u>	<u>1,530,232</u>
Total Assets	132,411,139	114,331,435
<i>Liabilities:</i>		
None	<u> --</u>	<u> --</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 132,411,139</u>	<u>\$ 114,331,435</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Years ended December 31,	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:		
Investment Income (Loss):		
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 13,171,666	\$ (23,744,399)
Interest and Dividends	4,749,943	4,401,199
Interest on Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>109,699</u>	<u>88,043</u>
Totals	18,031,308	(19,255,157)
Less: Custodial and Advisory Fees	<u>31,461</u>	<u>33,848</u>
Net Investment Income (Loss)	<u>17,999,847</u>	<u>(19,289,005)</u>
Contributions:		
Participants	7,229,287	4,674,196
Employer	<u>3,010,579</u>	<u>2,420,166</u>
Total Contributions	<u>10,239,866</u>	<u>7,094,362</u>
Total Additions (Deductions)	28,239,713	(12,194,643)
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefits Paid to Participants	<u>10,160,009</u>	<u>10,420,192</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Available for Benefits	18,079,704	(22,614,835)
Net Assets Available for Benefits - Beginning of Years	<u>114,331,435</u>	<u>136,946,270</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits - End of Years	<u>\$ 132,411,139</u>	<u>\$ 114,331,435</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Description of the Plan

The following description provides only general information about The New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. Employee Benefit Funds Staff Retirement Plan and Trust (the "Plan"). Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - The Plan is a single employer defined contribution plan covering all eligible full-time non-union employees who are not subject to the jurisdiction of a collective bargaining agreement after completion of one twelve-month eligibility period working with The New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City Health Center, Inc. (the "Employer"). The Plan and related trust were established on January 1, 1991. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Contributions - Each year, participants may contribute up to 50% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the plan agreement. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (rollovers). Participants direct the investments of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

In addition, employer contributions are made to the Plan on behalf of each participant. For employees other than dentists and physicians, contributions will range from 7% to 10% of compensation. For dentists and physicians, employer contributions to the Plan will range from 2% to 7.5%. Contributions of 10% of a participant's compensation will be paid for any participant who serves in a supervisory position.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations. Contributions in excess of Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") limits are refunded to participants.

Investment Elections - The participants' contributions and the Employer matching contributions are allocated to the various investment options offered by the Plan as the participant directs.

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of: (a) the Employer's contribution, and (b) Plan earnings, and (c) charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined in the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting - Participants who are members of the employer's administrative staff (supervisory capacity) will be 100% vested at all times. Non-supervising physicians and dentists and all other members of the operations staff shall be 100% vested upon two years of service. A participant's contribution account which is not vested at the time of his termination of employment shall be forfeited and the participant will not be entitled to receive these benefits from the Plan.

Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from the Plan a minimum amount of \$1,000 (inclusive of current loans) up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of 50% of a participant's vested account balance or \$50,000. Loan repayment terms may not exceed five years unless the loan is for the purchase of the participant's principal residence, in which case the term is then determined by the Board of Trustees. The loans are secured by the balance in each participant's account and bear interest at the bank's prevailing interest rates. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Description of the Plan (Continued)

Forfeitures - Forfeitures are used to reduce Employer contributions to the Plan.

Payment of Benefits - Upon termination of service, the Plan provides for various methods of distribution benefits whether prior to retirement, at retirement or upon death of the participant. The participant's benefit payment must commence no later than the 60th day after the close of the Plan year in which the latest of the following events occurs:

- He or she attains the normal retirement age of 65,
- Upon his or her total and permanent disability or death,
- Upon his or her termination of employment, subject to vesting requirement, or
- Upon his or her request after reaching age 59 ½.

A participant may elect to receive his or her interest in the Plan in one of the following ways:

- A single lump sum payment,
- Installments over a fixed period that does not exceed a number of years equal to the life expectancy of the participant (as of the date payments start), as determined under the Single Life Table in Treasury Reg. Section 1.401(a)(9)-9.
- A direct rollover.

If the total value of the vested portion of a participant's contribution account is \$5,000 or less, distribution of such account will be in one lump sum cash payment.

Hardship Withdrawals - Prior to termination of employment, a participant may withdraw, subject to the Plan's notice requirements, all or a portion of the value of his or her participant account and the vested value of his or her contribution account. The participant must demonstrate financial hardship subject to the Plan's provisions. Withdrawals to which a participant is entitled are the amounts that can be provided by the contributions and income thereon (including net realized and unrealized investment gains and losses) allocated to each participant's account, less allocated expenses.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Adoption of New Accounting Standard - Effective January 1, 2022, the Fund adopted ASC 842, Leases. The new standard establishes a right of use (ROU) model that requires a lessee to record an ROU asset and a lease liability on the statements of net assets available for benefits for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases are classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. Leases with a term of less than 12 months will not record a right of use asset and lease liability and the payments will be recognized into profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The adoption of ASC 842 did not result in a cumulative effect adjustment upon adoption or the recognition of right-of-use-asset or lease liability as the Fund does not have any direct contractual lease commitments in excess of 12 months.

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

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

Notes to Financial Statements

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fully benefit-responsive contracts held by the Plan are recorded at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Plan management determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information principally provided by the Plan's custodian. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation/depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year. Certain costs incurred by the Plan for investment management services and transaction fees are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments and through direct payments.

Notes Receivable from Participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Excess Contributions Payable - Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. There were no excess contributions payable for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses - Certain administrative expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Employer. Expenses associated with administering participants' accounts are paid from Plan assets. Any remaining expenses are shared among all participant accounts. Certain investment expenses to Empower Retirement, a party in interest, are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events - The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 30, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(3) Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value 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 market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

Notes to Financial Statements

(3) Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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 maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

Mutual Funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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

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

	<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Fund	\$115,158,658	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 115,158,658
	<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 93,511,213	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 93,511,213

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

Notes to Financial Statements

(3) Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Transfers Between Levels - The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another.

The Plan evaluates the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits.

(4) Guaranteed Investment Contract with Insurance Company

The Plan entered into a benefit-responsive investment contract with Great-West Life and Annuity Insurance Company of New York ("Great-West") totaling \$ 15,638,096 and \$ 19,289,990 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Great-West maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the Plan and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The guaranteed investment contract does not have a defined maturity specified in the contract.

The guaranteed investment contract is fully benefit-responsive and contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed investment contract. The guaranteed investment contract is presented on the face of the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits at contract value.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer, and reviewed on an annual basis for resetting.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The plan administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable of occurring.

(5) Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Empower Retirement ("Empower"). Empower is the custodian for the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party in interest transactions. Custodial and advisory fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investments rather than a direct payment. Administrative fees paid directly to Empower were \$31,461 and \$33,848 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Plan Sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

Notes to Financial Statements

(6) Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has informed the Plan by a letter dated January 7, 2011, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

(7) Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Board of Trustees have the right under the Plan agreement, subject to the provisions of ERISA, to terminate, amend or modify the Plan at any time. In the event of plan termination, all participants will become 100 percent vested in their total account balance under the Plan.

(8) Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. 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 participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
EIN #13-1912520
PLAN NO. 001 - PLAN YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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

(a)	(b) <u>Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party</u>	(c) <u>Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral Par or Maturity Value</u>	(d) <u>Cost</u>	(e) <u>Current Value</u>
Mutual Funds:				
	American Century Small Cap Growth		\$ 1,518,761	\$ 1,861,458
	American Funds 2010 Trgt Date Retire		7,224,609	7,009,257
	American Funds 2015 Trgt Date Retire		52,792	54,177
	American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire		51,178	52,763
	American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire		9,976,532	9,929,886
	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire		11,298,072	11,401,704
	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire		9,620,372	9,840,610
	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire		7,214,301	7,471,238
	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire		6,394,237	6,640,061
	American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire		3,397,875	3,555,042
	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire		2,423,007	2,573,271
	American Funds 2065 Trgt Date Retire		478,790	514,159
	American Funds Europacific Growth Fund		45,014	47,148
	Baird Core Plus Bond Inst		2,829,544	2,959,735
	Mainstay Large Cap Growth Fund		2,280,317	2,060,550
	Oppenheimer Developing Markets I		7,943,818	10,018,824
	Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income I		340,798	324,870
	Principal Real Estate Securities		1,561,581	1,336,079
	Putnam - Eagle Mid Cap Growth Fund		6,390,676	6,589,677
	Putnam Equity Income Fund		1,330,178	1,761,496
	Putnam - Mfs Mid Cap Value Fund		234,095	233,045
	Putnam - Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares		6,696,077	8,261,510
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm		2,224,853	2,953,746
	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund		<u>11,440,649</u>	<u>17,708,352</u>
	Total Mutual Funds		102,968,126	115,158,658
Guaranteed Insurance Contract:				
	Great-West Life and Annuity	2.200%	14,300,531	15,638,096
	*Notes Receivable from Participants	(Various) 5.25%-10.55%	<u>1,613,688</u>	<u>1,614,385</u>
	Totals		<u>\$ 118,882,345</u>	<u>\$ 132,411,139</u>

*Party-in-Interest, as defined by ERISA.

See Independent Auditors' Report.

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
EIN #13-1912520
PLAN NO. 001 - PLAN YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
<u>Identity of Party Involved</u>	<u>Description of Asset</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Selling Price</u>	<u>Expense Incurred with Transaction</u>	<u>Cost of Asset</u>	<u>Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date</u>	<u>Net Gain or (Loss)</u>
Empower Retirement	Guaranteed Interest Fund	\$ --	\$ 5,993,592	\$ --	\$ 5,993,592	\$ 5,993,592	\$ --

See Independent Auditors' Report.

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**

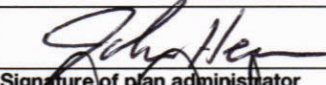
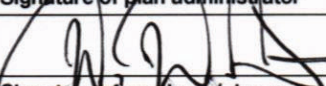
- A** This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- B** This return/report is: ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
☐ the first return/report ☐ 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 NY HOTELS TRADES COUNCIL & ASSN. OF NYC, INC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
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) NY HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL & HOTEL ASSN. OF NYC HEALTH 305 WEST 44TH STREET NEW YORK NY 10036-5402	1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1991 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-1595091 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 212-586-6400 2d Business code (see instructions) 721110

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

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

SIGN HERE 	10/2/2024	JOHN HEIM
Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE 	10/2/2024	DR. DAVID JACOBSON
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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Form 5500 (2023)
v. 230728

**THE NEW YORK HOTEL TRADES COUNCIL AND HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK CITY, INC. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS
STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
EIN #13-1912520
PLAN NO. 001 - PLAN YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
<u>Identity of Party Involved</u>	<u>Description of Asset</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Selling Price</u>	<u>Expense Incurred with Transaction</u>	<u>Cost of Asset</u>	<u>Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date</u>	<u>Net Gain or (Loss)</u>
Empower Retirement	Guaranteed Interest Fund	\$ --	\$ 5,993,592	\$ --	\$ 5,993,592	\$ 5,993,592	\$ --

See Independent Auditors' Report.