

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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.

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, 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)
B This return/report is:
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: AYRES GROUP 401K SAVINGS & INVESTMENT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 07/01/1997
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): AYRES GROUP
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 95-2951371
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 714-850-0409
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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	853
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits ..... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	774
	<b>6a(2)</b>	762
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	79
	<b>6d</b>	841
	<b>6e</b>	1
	<b>6f</b>	842
	<b>6g(1)</b>	448
<b>6g(2)</b>	454	
<b>6h</b>	19	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	<b>7</b>	

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

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>  1  </u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

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**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.

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**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>AYRES GROUP 401K SAVINGS &amp; INVESTMENT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>AYRES GROUP</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>95-2951371</b>

**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

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<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
<b>35-0145825</b>	<b>60895</b>	<b>G38412</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>01/01/2023</b>	<b>12/31/2023</b>

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid
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**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>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
	<b>(c)</b> Amount	<b>(d)</b> Purpose	

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

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

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	(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.

<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	312590
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	18876667

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

<b>b</b> Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	<b>6c</b>	
<b>d</b> 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. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>	

**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>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b>	1390977
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<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	99839	
	(2) Dividends and credits .....	<b>7c(2)</b>	0
	(3) Interest credited during the year .....	<b>7c(3)</b>	8713
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	<b>7c(4)</b>	52982
	(5) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7c(5)</b>	1094

▶ LOAN REPAYMENT

(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b>	162628
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<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b>	1553605
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**e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	383270
(2) Administration charge made by carrier .....	<b>7e(2)</b>	2799
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	<b>7e(3)</b>	854945
(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b>	1

▶ LOANS ISSUED

(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b>	1241015
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<b>f</b> Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ) .....	<b>7f</b>	312590
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**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:

<b>a</b>	Premiums: (1) Amount received .....	<b>9a(1)</b>		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	<b>9a(2)</b>		
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....	<b>9a(3)</b>		
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		<b>9a(4)</b>	0
<b>b</b>	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	<b>9b(1)</b>		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....	<b>9b(2)</b>		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		<b>9b(3)</b>	0
	(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>	
<b>c</b>	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs .....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>		
	(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>		
	(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>		
	(G) Other retention charges .....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>		
	(H) Total retention .....		<b>9c(1)(H)</b>	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) .....		<b>9c(2)</b>	
<b>d</b>	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....		<b>9d(1)</b>	
	(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>	
	(3) Other reserves.....		<b>9d(3)</b>	
<b>e</b>	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....		<b>9e</b>	

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>10b</b>	

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. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>AYRES GROUP</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>95-2951371</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 37 38 50 64 52 59 60 63 66 67	NONE	7900	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	42474	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
16 70	NONE	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	45074	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	66 67	42474
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO  35-0145825	ASSET CHARGE	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	52 59 60 63	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AB  13-4064930	REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	52 59 60 63	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AMERICAN FUNDS  95-1411037	REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	

**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
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	52 59 60 63	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation BLACKROCK 32-0174431	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	(b) Service Codes (see instructions) 52 59 60 63	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation 0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation COLUMBIA 13-3180631	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	(b) Service Codes (see instructions) 52 59 60 63	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation 0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation DEUTSCHE 13-3241232	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	

**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
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	52 59 60 63	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
INVESCO  74-1881364	REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	52 59 60 63	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
LORD ABBETT  13-5620131	REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	52 59 60 63	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PARNASSUS  94-2943858	REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	

**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
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	52 59 60 63	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation  PIMCO  06-1349805	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.  REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2  AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)  52 59 60 63	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation  0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation  THORNBURG  85-0301299	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.  REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2  AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)  52 59 60 63	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation  0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation  TIAA-CREF  13-3760073	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.  REVENUE SHARING FORMULA - SEE ATTACHED	

**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
LPL FINANCIAL LLC	16 70	45074
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO  35-0145825	CONSULTING SERVICES	
(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.

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

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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>AYRES GROUP 401K SAVINGS &amp; INVESTMENT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>AYRES GROUP</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>95-2951371</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SEPARATE ACCOUNT II

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>35-0145825-000</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>18876667</u>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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**d** Entity code

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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  <b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2023</b> and ending <b>12/31/2023</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>AYRES GROUP 401K SAVINGS &amp; INVESTMENT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>AYRES GROUP</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>95-2951371</b>

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

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b> 0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b> 82	185
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b> 207	370
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b> 0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b> 0	0
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b> 0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b> 0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b> 0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b> 0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b> 0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b> 0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b> 0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b> 0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b> 563105	519762
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b> 0	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b> 0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b> 0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b> 0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b> 15454276	18876667
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b> 1390977	312590
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b> 0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities .....	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property .....	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....	1f	17408647	19709574
<b>Liabilities</b>			
g Benefit claims payable .....	1g	0	0
h Operating payables .....	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness .....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities .....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	1k	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	1l	17408647	19709574

**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.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers .....	2a(1)(A)	434074	
(B) Participants .....	2a(1)(B)	1217557	
(C) Others (including rollovers) .....	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions .....	2a(2)	0	1651631
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2) .....	2a(3)		
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities .....	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments .....	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants) .....	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans .....	2b(1)(E)	25991	
(F) Other .....	2b(1)(F)	8713	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) .....	2b(1)(G)		34704
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock .....	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock .....	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....	2b(2)(C)	0	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C) .....	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents .....	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds .....	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result .....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate .....	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other .....	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) .....	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>(6)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	<b>2b(6)</b>		0
<b>(7)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	<b>2b(7)</b>		0
<b>(8)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	<b>2b(8)</b>		0
<b>(9)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	<b>2b(9)</b>		0
<b>(10)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	<b>2b(10)</b>		2813027
<b>c</b> Other income.....	<b>2c</b>		0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2d</b>		4499362

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
<b>(1)</b> Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	2184284	
<b>(2)</b> To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	<b>2e(2)</b>	0	
<b>(3)</b> Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>	0	
<b>(4)</b> Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		2184284
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>2f</b>		8351
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	<b>2g</b>		0
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	<b>2h</b>		0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
<b>(1)</b> Salaries and allowances.....	<b>2i(1)</b>	0	
<b>(2)</b> Contract administrator fees.....	<b>2i(2)</b>	5800	
<b>(3)</b> Recordkeeping fees.....	<b>2i(3)</b>	0	
<b>(4)</b> IQPA audit fees.....	<b>2i(4)</b>	0	
<b>(5)</b> Investment advisory and investment management fees.....	<b>2i(5)</b>	0	
<b>(6)</b> Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees.....	<b>2i(6)</b>	0	
<b>(7)</b> Actuarial fees.....	<b>2i(7)</b>	0	
<b>(8)</b> Legal fees.....	<b>2i(8)</b>	0	
<b>(9)</b> Valuation/appraisal fees.....	<b>2i(9)</b>	0	
<b>(10)</b> Other trustee fees and expenses.....	<b>2i(10)</b>	0	
<b>(11)</b> Other expenses.....	<b>2i(11)</b>	0	
<b>(12)</b> Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		5800
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		2198435

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		2300927
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
<b>(1)</b> To this plan.....	<b>2l(1)</b>		0
<b>(2)</b> From this plan.....	<b>2l(2)</b>		0

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1)  Unmodified (2)  Qualified (3)  Disclaimer (4)  Adverse

**b** Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1)  DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2)  DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3)  neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

**c** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **MARCUM LLP**

(2) EIN: **11-1986323**

**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
<b>a</b> 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.) .....		X	
<b>b</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.).....		X	
<b>c</b> 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.) .....		X	
<b>d</b> 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.).....		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....		X	
<b>g</b> 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? .....		X	
<b>h</b> 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?.....		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
<b>j</b> 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.).....		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
<b>n</b> 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.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>AYRES GROUP 401K SAVINGS &amp; INVESTMENT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>AYRES GROUP</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>95-2951371</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	<b>1</b>	<u>0</u>
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**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): 35-0145825

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

<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	<b>3</b>	
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

**5** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
**If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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) .....	<b>6c</b>	

**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

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

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....  Yes  No

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

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

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

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) .....	<b>14a</b>	
<b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) .....	<b>14b</b>	
<b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14c</b>	

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>16b</b>	

**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 08 / 19 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704137A.

**Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan**

**Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule  
Including Independent Auditors' Report**

**As of December 31, 2023 and 2022  
and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

# Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator of  
**Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan**

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

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

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### ***Opinion***

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

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

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAS”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan’s ability to continue as a going concern for at least one year following the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

## ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is 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 Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

***Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA***

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

*Marcum LLP*

Marcum LLP  
Costa Mesa, CA  
October 9, 2024

# Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan

## Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Investments</b>		
Investments at fair value	\$18,876,667	\$15,454,276
Investments at contract value	312,590	1,390,977
<b>Total investments</b>	19,189,257	16,845,253
<b>Receivables</b>		
Participant contributions	370	207
Employer contributions	185	82
Notes receivable from participants	519,762	563,105
<b>Total receivables</b>	520,317	563,394
<b>Total Assets</b>	19,709,574	17,408,647
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Payables</b>		
Excess contributions refundable	22,548	8,351
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	22,548	8,351
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	\$19,687,026	\$17,400,296

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

# Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023
<b>Additions</b>	
<b>Investment income</b>	
Interest and dividends	\$ 8,713
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	2,813,027
<b>Total investment income</b>	2,821,740
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	25,991
<b>Contributions</b>	
Participant contributions	1,195,009
Employer contributions	434,074
<b>Total contributions</b>	1,629,083
<b>Total Additions</b>	4,476,814
<b>Deductions</b>	
Benefits paid to participants	2,184,284
Administrative expenses	5,800
<b>Total Deductions</b>	2,190,084
<b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>	2,286,730
Net assets available for benefits	
Beginning of year	17,400,296
<b>End of Year</b>	<b>\$19,687,026</b>

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

# Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

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### **1. Description of Plan**

The following description of the Ayres Group 401(K) Savings & Investment Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### ***General***

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established effective July 1, 1997, as restated July 15, 2022. The Plan covers all employees, excluding union employees, nonresident aliens and leased employees, of Ayres Group (the Company) who have completed 1 year of service and are age 21 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). The trustees and management of the Company is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Plan's investment committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Plan's trustees and management of the Company.

#### ***Contributions***

Each year, participants may contribute up to 100 percent of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the plan document, up to the maximum limits of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). Participants also may designate all or a portion of their deferral contributions as after-tax contributions into a Roth account. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants also may contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company contributes a discretionary match of 6 percent of the base compensation up to 50% of the amount that a participant contributes to the Plan. Additional profit sharing amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's executive committee. For the year ended December 31, 2023, there were no profit sharing contributions to the Plan. Except for the Company discretionary match, the Plan requires a participant to be employed as of year end to be eligible to receive employer contributions. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

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### 1. Description of Plan (Continued)

#### ***Participant Accounts***

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, Company matching contributions, allocations of the Company's discretionary contributions and an allocation of the Plan's earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

#### ***Vesting***

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 20 percent vested after 2 years of credited service and continues to vest in increments of 20 percent until 100 percent vested after 6 years of credited service.

#### ***Notes Receivable from Participants***

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate, determined daily, is set at 1 percent above the prime rate, as defined. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. Terms range from one to five years or greater for the purchase of a primary residence.

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### 1. Description of Plan (Continued)

#### *Payment of benefits*

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or installment payments as provided in the plan document. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump sum distribution. If a terminated participant's vested balance is less than or equal to \$1,000, the amount may be automatically distributed in the form of lump sum cash distribution. Any distribution greater than \$1,000 but less than \$5,000 that is made without the participant's consent will be rolled over to an individual retirement account. In addition, the Plan allows for hardship distributions if certain criteria are met.

#### *Forfeited accounts*

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$5 and \$5, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions or to pay plan administrative expenses. During 2023, employer contributions were reduced by \$34,142 and plan administrative expenses were reduced by \$2,775, from forfeited nonvested accounts, in accordance with plan provisions.

### 2. Summary of Accounting Policies

#### *Basis of Accounting*

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

#### *Use of Estimates*

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

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### 2. Summary of Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### ***Investment Valuation and Income Recognition***

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract 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. The Plan's investment committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians and insurance company, as applicable. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

The Plan's investments in fully benefit-responsive investment contracts are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

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.

#### ***Notes Receivable from Participants***

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed as incurred.

#### ***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. The Plan distributed the 2023 excess contributions to the applicable participants in February 2024.

#### ***Payment of Benefits***

Benefits are recorded when paid.

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### 2. Summary of Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### *Expenses*

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

#### *Subsequent Events*

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 9, 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 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, *Fair Value Measurement*, are described as follows:

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

**Level 2** – Inputs to the valuation technique include:

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

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

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### 3. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

**Level 3** – Inputs to the valuation technique are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset 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 relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

*Pooled separate accounts:* The Plan has entered into a contract with American United Life Insurance Company whereby the assets under the contract are pooled with those of other investors in separate accounts. The Plan owns units of participation in the fair value of the account's underlying assets. American United Life Insurance Company does not own the underlying assets, but only holds them in trust for the participating plans. These investments are public investment securities valued using the Net Asset Value ("NAV") as the practical expedient provided by American United Life Insurance Company. The practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. The NAV is quoted on a private market that is not active; however, the unit price is based on the underlying investments. A majority of the investments held by each fund are traded on an active market.

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

<b>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</b>		<b>Level 1</b>		<b>Level 2</b>		<b>Level 3</b>		<b>Total</b>
<b>Total assets in the fair value hierarchy</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$18,876,667

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### 3. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total
<b>Total assets in the fair value hierarchy</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$15,454,276

(a) In accordance with FASB ASC 820, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

### Fair Value of Investments that Calculate Net Asset Value

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on net asset value (NAVs) per share as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

December 31, 2023	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Lifecycle funds	\$ 13,221,707	\$ -	Daily	30 days
Growth funds	1,901,052	-	Daily	30 days
Income funds	829,888	-	Daily	30 days
Blend funds	2,538,834	-	Daily	30 days
Value funds	385,186	-	Daily	30 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,876,667</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		

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### 3. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

December 31, 2022	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption	
			Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Lifecycle funds	\$ 11,363,488	\$ -	Daily	30 days
Growth funds	1,154,557	-	Daily	30 days
Income funds	698,897	-	Daily	30 days
Blend funds	2,192,456	-	Daily	30 days
Value funds	44,878	-	Daily	30 days
Total	\$ 15,454,276	\$ -	-	-

### 4. Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts

The Plan holds a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract, for which contributions are maintained in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by the sponsoring trustee, 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.

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at the specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 0 percent. The crediting rate is reviewed on an annual basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

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### 4. Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts (Continued)

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Such events include:

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;
4. the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA; or,
5. premature termination of the contract.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. These events may be different under each contract. Such events include:

1. an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines;
2. a breach of material obligation under the contract;
3. a material misrepresentation; or,
4. a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of the issuer.

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### **5. Information Certified by Custodian**

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA for 2023 and 2022. Accordingly, Oneamerica Financial Partners, Inc, the Custodian of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and notes receivable from participants reported in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, and the related investment activity and interest income on notes receivable from participants reported in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.

### **6. Related-Party and Party In Interest Transactions**

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Custodian, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party in interest transactions.

Additionally, the Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the participant's account balances. These transactions qualify as party in interest transactions.

Certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

### **7. Plan Termination**

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

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### 8. Tax Status

The Plan adopted a pre-approved plan offered by One America Financial Partners, Inc.. The pre-approved plan received an IRS Opinion Letter dated November 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the IRS Opinion Letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and, therefore believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

Plan management is required to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability 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.

### 9. 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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

### 10. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

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

	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$19,687,026	\$17,400,296
Add: Excess deferred contributions payable	22,548	8,351
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500</b>	<b>\$19,709,574</b>	<b>\$17,408,647</b>

The following is a reconciliation of the increase (decrease) in net assets per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, to Form 5500:

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### 10. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500 (Continued)

	<b>2023</b>
Increase (decrease) in net assets per the financial statements	\$ 2,286,730
Add: Current year excess deferred contributions payable	22,548
Less: Prior year excess deferred contributions payable	8,351
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets per Form 5500</b>	<b>\$ 2,300,927</b>

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

EIN: 95-2951371 Plan Number: 001

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
Guaranteed Interest Account				
*	American United Life Insurance Company	AUL STABLE VALUE ACCOUNT	**	\$ 312,590
Pooled Separate Accounts				
*	American United Life Insurance Company	AB SMCAP GRTH R	**	643,945
*	American United Life Insurance Company	AMERFDS AMERICAN BALANCED R4	**	69,997
*	American United Life Insurance Company	AMERFDS NEW PERSPECTIVE R4	**	990,128
*	American United Life Insurance Company	AMERFDS NEW WORLD R4	**	79,706
*	American United Life Insurance Company	BLACKRCK EQTY IDX CL31	**	938,055
*	American United Life Insurance Company	BLACKRCK RUSSELL 2000IDX CL31	**	38,437
*	American United Life Insurance Company	BLACKRCK RUSSELL 2000VAL CL31	**	46,465
*	American United Life Insurance Company	BLACKROCK HEALTH SCI OPPS I	**	10,620
*	American United Life Insurance Company	BLACKROCK MID-CAP GRO EQUITY I	**	194,365
*	American United Life Insurance Company	COLUMBIA DIVIDEND INCOME ADV	**	264,220
*	American United Life Insurance Company	COLUMBIA SEL MID CAP VAL ADV	**	7,750
*	American United Life Insurance Company	COLUMBIA SELIG TECH & ADV	**	330,971
*	American United Life Insurance Company	DWS REAL ESTATE SECS S	**	75,254

*See independent auditors' report.*

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**Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**  
**EIN: 95-2951371 Plan Number: 001**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
Pooled Separate Accounts (Continued)				
*	American United Life Insurance Company	INVESCO CORE BOND Y	**	124,465
*	American United Life Insurance Company	LORD ABBETT HIGH YIELD R5	**	16,175
*	American United Life Insurance Company	LORD ABBETT TOTAL RETURN R5	**	137,557
*	American United Life Insurance Company	PARNASSUS MIDCAP NL	**	317,961
*	American United Life Insurance Company	PIMCO INCOME ADM	**	259,061
*	American United Life Insurance Company	THORNBURG LTD-TERM INC R5	**	28,410
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LARGE-CAP GROWTH R	**	705,939
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2010 R	**	187,770
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2015 R	**	263,035
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2020 R	**	659,535
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2025 R	**	2,097,983
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2030 R	**	1,967,782
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2035 R	**	2,028,006
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2040 R	**	2,019,430
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2045 R	**	1,329,803

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

EIN: 95-2951371 Plan Number: 001

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
Pooled Separate Accounts (Continued)				
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2050 R	**	1,536,438
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2055 R	**	766,006
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2060 R	**	354,947
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2065 R	**	10,972
*	American United Life Insurance Company	TIAA-CREF SOCIAL CHOICE EQTY R	**	375,479
Notes Receivable from Participants				
*		Interest rate of 5.25% maturing through December 2028	\$0	519,762
				\$ 19,709,019

\* Denotes a party-in-interest.

\*\* Historical cost information is not required for participant directed investments

*See independent auditors' report.*



<b>Investment Company</b>	<b>Investment Portfolio</b>	<b>Annual Percentage</b>
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx 2015 R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx 2020 R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx 2025 R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx 2030 R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx 2035 R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx 2040 R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx 2045 R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx 2050 R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx 2055 R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx 2060 R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Idx Inc R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Social Choice Eqty R	0.25
TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF Large-Cap Growth R	0.25

**Plan Type** 1 401PS

**Schedule H, Line 4i**  
**Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)**

Name of Plan: AYRES GROUP 401K SAVINGS & INVESTMENT PLAN  
Employer Identification Number: 95-2951371  
For plan year (beginning/ending): 01-01-2023 TO 12-31-2023 Plan number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	AB	AB SMCAP GRTH R MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	643,945
	AMERICAN FUNDS	AMERFDS AMERICAN BALANCED R4 MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	69,997
	AMERICAN FUNDS	AMERFDS NEW PERSPECTIVE R4 MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	990,128
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	DEUTSCHE	DWS REAL ESTATE SECS S MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	75,254
	INVESCO	INVESCO CORE BOND Y MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	124,465
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	LORD ABBETT	LORD ABBETT HIGH YIELD R5 MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	16,175
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