

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP PROFIT SHARING/401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 009
1c	Effective date of plan 10/01/1989
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP JENNY V. BALIGAR 425 MARKET STREET 11TH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2288901
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 415-421-6500
2d	Business code (see instructions) 541110

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2024	JAMES M SCHWARZ
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2024	JENNY V BALIGAR
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 143
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 114 6a(2) 111 6b 0 6c 31 6d 142 6e 0 6f 142 6g(1) 142 6g(2) 142 6h 3
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2T 3F

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)** ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)** ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5)** ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

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

A Name of plan SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP PROFIT SHARING/401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 009
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2288901

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

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

☒

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

THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.

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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)

THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.

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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 25 33 37 52	NONE	1190	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	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.	
SOUNDSHORE 13-2509799	20 BPS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	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.	
DODGE & COX 94-1441976	10 BPS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	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.	
COLUMBIA FUNDS MANAGEMENT CO. 41-1861053	20 BPS	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
COLUMBIA FUNDS MANAGEMENT CO. 13-3043478	5 BPS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	0

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COLUMBIA FUNDS MANAGEMENT CO. 41-1861053	20 BPS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	0

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COLUMBIA FUNDS MANAGEMENT CO. 41-1861053	20 BPS	
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

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

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP		
D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2288901		

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	1969348	2189170
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	6415	0
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	268060	242914
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	4678876	3849337
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	94025667	109739981
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	4476211	5388419

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	105424577	121409821
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	105424577	121409821

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	2189170	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1777637	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1911835	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		5878642
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	19614	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		19614
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	3370704	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		3370704
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		102585
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		15469515
c Other income	2c		635694
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		25476754

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	9840390	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		9840390
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	1050	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		1050
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		9841440

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		15635314
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		349930
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **SILICON VALLEY ACCOUNTANCY CORP**

(2) EIN: **77-0573994**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP PROFIT SHARING/401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	009
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2288901	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 23-2186884		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14a**14b****14c**

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

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

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year

15a**15b**

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

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

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

16a**16b**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
☐ Yes.
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

☐ Design-based safe harbor method
☒ "Prior year" ADP test
☐ "Current year" ADP test
☐ N/A

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

SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP PROFIT SHARING/401(k) PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

*December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023 with
Independent Auditor's Report*

SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP PROFIT SHARING/401(k) PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

**December 31, 2023 and 2022
and for the year ended December 31, 2023**

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator and Participants
of the Shartsis Friese LLP Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Shartsis Friese LLP Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). 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 the 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 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 Department of Labor'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 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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



and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information 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 the form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor'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 Department of Labor'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).

Silicon Valley Accountancy Corporation

SILICON VALLEY ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

San Jose, California

October 9, 2024



SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP PROFIT SHARING/401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Assets:		
Investments at fair value	\$ 118,977,737	\$ 103,180,754
Assets held for investment purposes	118,977,737	103,180,754
Notes receivable from participants	242,914	268,060
Employer contributions receivable	2,189,170	1,969,348
Participant contributions receivable	-	6,415
Total assets	121,409,821	105,424,577
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 121,409,821</u>	<u>\$ 105,424,577</u>

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

SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP PROFIT SHARING/401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	Year ended <u>December 31, 2023</u>
Additions:	
Investment income:	
Dividends	\$ 3,370,704
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	16,207,794
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	19,614
Contributions:	
Employer	2,189,170
Participants	1,777,637
Rollovers	1,911,835
Total additions	<u>25,476,754</u>
Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	9,840,390
Plan expenses	1,050
Total deductions	<u>9,841,440</u>
Net increase in net assets	15,635,314
Transfers of assets to this plan (see Note 1)	349,930
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>105,424,577</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 121,409,821</u></u>

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

SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP PROFIT SHARING/401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022 (See Independent Auditor's Report)

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Shartsis Friese LLP Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan ("the Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

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Associates employed by the Partnership whose employment status changes to "Of Counsel" or "Partner" become eligible to participate in this plan and are allowed to transfer their account balances from the Shartsis Friese LLP Associates 401(k) Plan, an affiliated plan, into this plan. Assets in the amount of \$349,930 were transferred into this plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of ERISA.

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Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Partnership's discretionary matching contribution (if any), an allocation of the Partnership's discretionary profit sharing contribution, plan expenses as applicable to the Plan, and plan earnings or losses. Profit sharing contributions for any plan year are allocated to four different "employee classification groups" as specified in the Plan document. The Partnership, in its discretion, will determine the amount of the profit sharing contributions to be allocated to each group. Plan earnings and losses are allocated to participants based on their individual investment choices. All contributions/investments to the Plan are participant directed. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting - Participants are 100% vested in their contributions and rollover amounts plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the discretionary matching contribution and discretionary profit sharing contribution is based on years of credited service as follows: 20% per year starting after two years and full vesting after six years. Participants become fully vested in the event of death, disability, retirement age, or plan termination.

Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to \$50,000 less the highest outstanding loan balance, if any, in a one-year period ending immediately before borrowing date or 50% of their vested account balance, whichever is less. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates which are commensurate with prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator. Outstanding notes receivable from participants as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 carry interest rates which range from 4.75% to 9.50% and from 4.75% to 7.00%, respectively. Principal and interest is paid per the terms of the note and in

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accordance with plan provisions. The Plan Administrator establishes the specific terms and conditions of such notes.

Payment of Benefits - Upon the satisfaction of certain distributable events, participants or their beneficiaries may elect to receive their vested account balance and are paid in accordance with plan provisions.

Forfeited Accounts - Forfeited accounts can be used to pay plan expenses, reduce employer contributions, or reallocated to eligible participants.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT 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.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by Vanguard. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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.

Contributions - Contributions from plan participants and employer matching contributions are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

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 when they are incurred.

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Excess Contributions Payable - Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") are recorded as a liability. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no material excess contributions payable.

Plan Expenses - In 2023, some plan fees were paid by the Partnership and these amounts are excluded from the Plan's financial statements. Investment/fund fees, certain participant transaction fees, recordkeeping fees and securities brokerage fees are paid through the Plan and charged to participant accounts as applicable. The Plan has a Plan Revenue Account which is funded by participants and can be used to pay certain plan fees.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events - The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 9, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 - 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.

NOTE 4 - CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, dividends, net appreciation in fair value of investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Vanguard.

NOTE 5 - 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

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identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices include:

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

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

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

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the 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 methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts: Accounts primarily consist of various types of marketable securities which are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices listed on publicly traded exchanges. Cash is valued on a cash equivalency basis.

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Collective Investment Trust: The Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust invests primarily in investment contracts backed by high-quality, shorter-term securities. This fund provides for benefit-responsive withdrawals by plan participants at contract value. The fund seeks to provide current and stable income while maintaining a stable share value of \$1. The NAV of is calculated based on a compilation of primarily observable market information. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV. For the collective investment trust, there are no unfunded commitments, the units can be redeemed daily, and there is no redemption notice period.

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.

<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</u>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$109,739,981	\$ -	\$ -	\$109,739,981
Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	5,388,419	-	-	5,388,419
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	115,128,400	-	-	115,128,400
Investments measured at NAV (a)	-	-	-	3,849,337
Investments at fair value	<u>\$115,128,400</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$118,977,737</u>
 <u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022</u>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 94,025,667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,025,667
Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	4,476,211	-	-	4,476,211
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	98,501,878	-	-	98,501,878

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Investments measured at NAV (a)	-	-	-	4,678,876
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 98,501,878</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$103,180,754</u>

(a) Certain investments that were measured at NAV 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

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

Plan investments are held by Vanguard. Any purchases and sales of these investments are performed in the open market at fair value. Plan related fees are paid to Vanguard and Vanguard Group, Inc. The Plan has other service providers. All these transactions, while considered party-in-interest transactions under ERISA regulations, are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are specifically exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

NOTE 7 - PLAN TERMINATION AND/OR MODIFICATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Partnership has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

NOTE 8 - TAX STATUS

The Plan is an individually designed plan which received a determination letter dated March 9, 2012 from the IRS. The Plan has been amended since, however, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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EIN: 94-2288901

PLAN #009

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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) Current value
*	Columbia Acorn USA Fund	Mutual Fund	\$ 125,205
*	Columbia Global Technology Growth Fd	Mutual Fund	6,766,268
*	Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund	Mutual Fund	3,157,109
*	Sound Shore Fund	Mutual Fund	1,083,627
*	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund	Mutual Fund	4,364,840
*	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	2,373,996
*	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	17,931,454
*	Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	Mutual Fund	12,575,075
*	Vanguard European Stock Index Fund	Mutual Fund	658,965
*	Vanguard Explorer Fund	Mutual Fund	1,077,088
*	Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund	Mutual Fund	1,428,242
*	Vanguard FTSE Social Index Fund	Mutual Fund	1,266,772
*	Vanguard Global Equity Fund	Mutual Fund	1,911,684
*	Vanguard International Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	1,973,440
*	Vanguard International Value Fund	Mutual Fund	2,995,334
*	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	3,658,695
*	Vanguard Pacific Stock Index Fund	Mutual Fund	853,872
*	Vanguard Selected Value Fund	Mutual Fund	1,715,804
*	Vanguard Small-Cap Value Index Fund	Mutual Fund	2,450,768
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund	3,712,031
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,388,460
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund	6,095,600
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund	5,768,252
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund	2,577,618
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,320,230
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,477,804
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund	51,203
*	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fd	Mutual Fund	7,053,852
*	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	Mutual Fund	5,471,689
*	Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund	Mutual Fund	2,949,835
*	Vanguard Windsor Fund	Mutual Fund	1,393,896
*	Vanguard Windsor II Fund	Mutual Fund	2,111,273
*	Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	Various Securities	5,388,419
*	Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust	Collective Investment Trust	3,849,337
	Assets held for investment purposes		118,977,737
*	Participant Loans/Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates from 4.75% to 9.50%	242,914
	Total		<u>\$ 119,220,651</u>

* Held or invested through Vanguard, a party-in-interest to the Plan.

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Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator and Participants
of the Shartsis Friese LLP Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Shartsis Friese LLP Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). 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 the 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 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 Department of Labor'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 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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



and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information 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 the form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor'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 Department of Labor'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).

Silicon Valley Accountancy Corporation

SILICON VALLEY ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

San Jose, California

October 9, 2024



SHARTSIS FRIESE LLP PROFIT SHARING/401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Assets:		
Investments at fair value	\$ 118,977,737	\$ 103,180,754
Assets held for investment purposes	118,977,737	103,180,754
Notes receivable from participants	242,914	268,060
Employer contributions receivable	2,189,170	1,969,348
Participant contributions receivable	-	6,415
Total assets	121,409,821	105,424,577
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 121,409,821</u>	<u>\$ 105,424,577</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	Year ended <u>December 31, 2023</u>
Additions:	
Investment income:	
Dividends	\$ 3,370,704
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	16,207,794
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	19,614
Contributions:	
Employer	2,189,170
Participants	1,777,637
Rollovers	1,911,835
Total additions	<u>25,476,754</u>
Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	9,840,390
Plan expenses	1,050
Total deductions	<u>9,841,440</u>
Net increase in net assets	15,635,314
Transfers of assets to this plan (see Note 1)	349,930
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>105,424,577</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 121,409,821</u></u>

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Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Partnership's discretionary matching contribution (if any), an allocation of the Partnership's discretionary profit sharing contribution, plan expenses as applicable to the Plan, and plan earnings or losses. Profit sharing contributions for any plan year are allocated to four different "employee classification groups" as specified in the Plan document. The Partnership, in its discretion, will determine the amount of the profit sharing contributions to be allocated to each group. Plan earnings and losses are allocated to participants based on their individual investment choices. All contributions/investments to the Plan are participant directed. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting - Participants are 100% vested in their contributions and rollover amounts plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the discretionary matching contribution and discretionary profit sharing contribution is based on years of credited service as follows: 20% per year starting after two years and full vesting after six years. Participants become fully vested in the event of death, disability, retirement age, or plan termination.

Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to \$50,000 less the highest outstanding loan balance, if any, in a one-year period ending immediately before borrowing date or 50% of their vested account balance, whichever is less. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates which are commensurate with prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator. Outstanding notes receivable from participants as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 carry interest rates which range from 4.75% to 9.50% and from 4.75% to 7.00%, respectively. Principal and interest is paid per the terms of the note and in

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Payment of Benefits - Upon the satisfaction of certain distributable events, participants or their beneficiaries may elect to receive their vested account balance and are paid in accordance with plan provisions.

Forfeited Accounts - Forfeited accounts can be used to pay plan expenses, reduce employer contributions, or reallocated to eligible participants.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT 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.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by Vanguard. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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.

Contributions - Contributions from plan participants and employer matching contributions are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

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 when they are incurred.

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Excess Contributions Payable - Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") are recorded as a liability. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no material excess contributions payable.

Plan Expenses - In 2023, some plan fees were paid by the Partnership and these amounts are excluded from the Plan's financial statements. Investment/fund fees, certain participant transaction fees, recordkeeping fees and securities brokerage fees are paid through the Plan and charged to participant accounts as applicable. The Plan has a Plan Revenue Account which is funded by participants and can be used to pay certain plan fees.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events - The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 9, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 - 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.

NOTE 4 - CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, dividends, net appreciation in fair value of investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Vanguard.

NOTE 5 - 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

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identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices include:

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

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

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

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the 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 methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts: Accounts primarily consist of various types of marketable securities which are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices listed on publicly traded exchanges. Cash is valued on a cash equivalency basis.

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Collective Investment Trust: The Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust invests primarily in investment contracts backed by high-quality, shorter-term securities. This fund provides for benefit-responsive withdrawals by plan participants at contract value. The fund seeks to provide current and stable income while maintaining a stable share value of \$1. The NAV of is calculated based on a compilation of primarily observable market information. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV. For the collective investment trust, there are no unfunded commitments, the units can be redeemed daily, and there is no redemption notice period.

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.

<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</u>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$109,739,981	\$ -	\$ -	\$109,739,981
Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	5,388,419	-	-	5,388,419
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	115,128,400	-	-	115,128,400
Investments measured at NAV (a)	-	-	-	3,849,337
Investments at fair value	<u>\$115,128,400</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$118,977,737</u>
<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022</u>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 94,025,667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,025,667
Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	4,476,211	-	-	4,476,211
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	98,501,878	-	-	98,501,878

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Investments measured at NAV (a)	-	-	-	4,678,876
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 98,501,878</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$103,180,754</u>

(a) Certain investments that were measured at NAV 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

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

Plan investments are held by Vanguard. Any purchases and sales of these investments are performed in the open market at fair value. Plan related fees are paid to Vanguard and Vanguard Group, Inc. The Plan has other service providers. All these transactions, while considered party-in-interest transactions under ERISA regulations, are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are specifically exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

NOTE 7 - PLAN TERMINATION AND/OR MODIFICATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Partnership has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

NOTE 8 - TAX STATUS

The Plan is an individually designed plan which received a determination letter dated March 9, 2012 from the IRS. The Plan has been amended since, however, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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PLAN #009

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Current value
*	Columbia Acorn USA Fund	Mutual Fund	\$ 125,205
*	Columbia Global Technology Growth Fd	Mutual Fund	6,766,268
*	Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund	Mutual Fund	3,157,109
*	Sound Shore Fund	Mutual Fund	1,083,627
*	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund	Mutual Fund	4,364,840
*	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	2,373,996
*	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	17,931,454
*	Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	Mutual Fund	12,575,075
*	Vanguard European Stock Index Fund	Mutual Fund	658,965
*	Vanguard Explorer Fund	Mutual Fund	1,077,088
*	Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund	Mutual Fund	1,428,242
*	Vanguard FTSE Social Index Fund	Mutual Fund	1,266,772
*	Vanguard Global Equity Fund	Mutual Fund	1,911,684
*	Vanguard International Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	1,973,440
*	Vanguard International Value Fund	Mutual Fund	2,995,334
*	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	3,658,695
*	Vanguard Pacific Stock Index Fund	Mutual Fund	853,872
*	Vanguard Selected Value Fund	Mutual Fund	1,715,804
*	Vanguard Small-Cap Value Index Fund	Mutual Fund	2,450,768
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund	3,712,031
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,388,460
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund	6,095,600
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund	5,768,252
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund	2,577,618
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,320,230
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,477,804
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund	51,203
*	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fd	Mutual Fund	7,053,852
*	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	Mutual Fund	5,471,689
*	Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund	Mutual Fund	2,949,835
*	Vanguard Windsor Fund	Mutual Fund	1,393,896
*	Vanguard Windsor II Fund	Mutual Fund	2,111,273
*	Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	Various Securities	5,388,419
*	Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust	Collective Investment Trust	3,849,337
	Assets held for investment purposes		118,977,737
*	Participant Loans/Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates from 4.75% to 9.50%	242,914
	Total		\$ 119,220,651

* Held or invested through Vanguard, a party-in-interest to the Plan.

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Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator and Participants
of the Shartsis Friese LLP Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Shartsis Friese LLP Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). 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 the 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 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 Department of Labor'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 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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



and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information 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 the form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor'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 Department of Labor'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).

Silicon Valley Accountancy Corporation

SILICON VALLEY ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

San Jose, California

October 9, 2024



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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Assets:		
Investments at fair value	\$ 118,977,737	\$ 103,180,754
Assets held for investment purposes	118,977,737	103,180,754
Notes receivable from participants	242,914	268,060
Employer contributions receivable	2,189,170	1,969,348
Participant contributions receivable	-	6,415
Total assets	121,409,821	105,424,577
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 121,409,821</u>	<u>\$ 105,424,577</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	Year ended <u>December 31, 2023</u>
Additions:	
Investment income:	
Dividends	\$ 3,370,704
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	16,207,794
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	19,614
Contributions:	
Employer	2,189,170
Participants	1,777,637
Rollovers	1,911,835
Total additions	<u>25,476,754</u>
Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	9,840,390
Plan expenses	1,050
Total deductions	<u>9,841,440</u>
Net increase in net assets	15,635,314
Transfers of assets to this plan (see Note 1)	349,930
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>105,424,577</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 121,409,821</u>

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Shartsis Friese LLP Profit Sharing/401(k) 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 that was established on October 1, 1989 by Shartsis Friese LLP ("the Partnership" or "Plan Administrator") covering all eligible employees and partners of the Partnership as defined in the Plan agreement. Certain classes of employees as defined in the Plan agreement are excluded from plan participation. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Associates employed by the Partnership whose employment status changes to "Of Counsel" or "Partner" become eligible to participate in this plan and are allowed to transfer their account balances from the Shartsis Friese LLP Associates 401(k) Plan, an affiliated plan, into this plan. Assets in the amount of \$349,930 were transferred into this plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of ERISA.

A Plan Committee ("the Committee") manages the operation and administration of the Plan, including the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and investment performance. The Partnership has contracted with Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company ("Vanguard") to act as trustee, custodian. The Vanguard Group, Inc. acts as record-keeper to process and maintain the records of participant data.

The provisions of SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 continue the themes and reforms that began with the 2019 SECURE Act. Certain provisions of both Acts have been implemented by the Plan and the Plan Administrator will continue to determine provisions which will impact the operation of the Plan. Participants should refer to plan documents for any changes made to the Plan.

Contributions - Each year, participants may contribute an amount of eligible pre-tax annual compensation as defined in the Plan agreement, not to exceed the maximum statutory amount. The Plan allows for automatic enrollment for eligible employees as defined in plan documents with a deferral rate of 3% of eligible compensation, unless the employee elects differently. In addition, eligible employees may elect to automatically increase their deferral rate by 1%, 2%, or 3% of their eligible compensation each year. The Plan allows for ROTH deferral contributions. Participants who are age 50 or older can elect to make catch-up contributions to the Plan, not to exceed the maximum statutory amount. Participants

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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.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by Vanguard. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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.

Contributions - Contributions from plan participants and employer matching contributions are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

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 when they are incurred.

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Excess Contributions Payable - Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") are recorded as a liability. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no material excess contributions payable.

Plan Expenses - In 2023, some plan fees were paid by the Partnership and these amounts are excluded from the Plan's financial statements. Investment/fund fees, certain participant transaction fees, recordkeeping fees and securities brokerage fees are paid through the Plan and charged to participant accounts as applicable. The Plan has a Plan Revenue Account which is funded by participants and can be used to pay certain plan fees.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events - The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 9, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 - 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.

NOTE 4 - CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, dividends, net appreciation in fair value of investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Vanguard.

NOTE 5 - 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

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identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices include:

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

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

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

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the 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 methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts: Accounts primarily consist of various types of marketable securities which are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices listed on publicly traded exchanges. Cash is valued on a cash equivalency basis.

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Collective Investment Trust: The Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust invests primarily in investment contracts backed by high-quality, shorter-term securities. This fund provides for benefit-responsive withdrawals by plan participants at contract value. The fund seeks to provide current and stable income while maintaining a stable share value of \$1. The NAV of is calculated based on a compilation of primarily observable market information. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV. For the collective investment trust, there are no unfunded commitments, the units can be redeemed daily, and there is no redemption notice period.

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.

<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</u>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$109,739,981	\$ -	\$ -	\$109,739,981
Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	5,388,419	-	-	5,388,419
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	115,128,400	-	-	115,128,400
Investments measured at NAV (a)	-	-	-	3,849,337
Investments at fair value	<u>\$115,128,400</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$118,977,737</u>
 <u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022</u>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 94,025,667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,025,667
Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	4,476,211	-	-	4,476,211
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	98,501,878	-	-	98,501,878

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Investments measured at NAV (a)	-	-	-	4,678,876
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 98,501,878</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$103,180,754</u>

(a) Certain investments that were measured at NAV 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

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

Plan investments are held by Vanguard. Any purchases and sales of these investments are performed in the open market at fair value. Plan related fees are paid to Vanguard and Vanguard Group, Inc. The Plan has other service providers. All these transactions, while considered party-in-interest transactions under ERISA regulations, are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are specifically exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

NOTE 7 - PLAN TERMINATION AND/OR MODIFICATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Partnership has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

NOTE 8 - TAX STATUS

The Plan is an individually designed plan which received a determination letter dated March 9, 2012 from the IRS. The Plan has been amended since, however, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Current value
*	Columbia Acorn USA Fund	Mutual Fund	\$ 125,205
*	Columbia Global Technology Growth Fd	Mutual Fund	6,766,268
*	Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund	Mutual Fund	3,157,109
*	Sound Shore Fund	Mutual Fund	1,083,627
*	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund	Mutual Fund	4,364,840
*	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	2,373,996
*	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	17,931,454
*	Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	Mutual Fund	12,575,075
*	Vanguard European Stock Index Fund	Mutual Fund	658,965
*	Vanguard Explorer Fund	Mutual Fund	1,077,088
*	Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund	Mutual Fund	1,428,242
*	Vanguard FTSE Social Index Fund	Mutual Fund	1,266,772
*	Vanguard Global Equity Fund	Mutual Fund	1,911,684
*	Vanguard International Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	1,973,440
*	Vanguard International Value Fund	Mutual Fund	2,995,334
*	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	3,658,695
*	Vanguard Pacific Stock Index Fund	Mutual Fund	853,872
*	Vanguard Selected Value Fund	Mutual Fund	1,715,804
*	Vanguard Small-Cap Value Index Fund	Mutual Fund	2,450,768
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund	3,712,031
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,388,460
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund	6,095,600
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund	5,768,252
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund	2,577,618
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,320,230
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,477,804
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund	51,203
*	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fd	Mutual Fund	7,053,852
*	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	Mutual Fund	5,471,689
*	Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund	Mutual Fund	2,949,835
*	Vanguard Windsor Fund	Mutual Fund	1,393,896
*	Vanguard Windsor II Fund	Mutual Fund	2,111,273
*	Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	Various Securities	5,388,419
*	Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust	Collective Investment Trust	3,849,337
	Assets held for investment purposes		118,977,737
*	Participant Loans/Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates from 4.75% to 9.50%	242,914
	Total		<u>\$ 119,220,651</u>

* Held or invested through Vanguard, a party-in-interest to the Plan.

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