

<div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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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: <div><div>☐ a multiemployer plan</div><div>☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div>☒ a single-employer plan</div><div>☐ a DFE (specify) _____</div><div>☐ the first return/report</div><div>☐ the final return/report</div><div>☐ an amended return/report</div><div>☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: <div><div>☒ Form 5558</div><div>☐ automatic extension</div><div>☐ the DFVC program</div><div>☐ special extension (enter description)</div></div>
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 NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401K PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/1992
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) ALFRED NICKLES BAKERY, INC. 26 N. MAIN STREET NAVARRE, OH 44662-1158
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0428345
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 330-879-5635
2d	Business code (see instructions) 311800

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.	10/12/2024	MARK T. SPONSELLER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
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 ALFRED NICKLES BAKERY, INC. c Plan Name NICKLES BAKERIES EMPLOYEES' 401K PLAN	4b EIN 34-0428345 4d PN 002
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 139
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	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> 6a(1) 100 6a(2) 92 6b 5 6c 35 6d 132 6e 0 6f 132 6g(1) 135 6g(2) 131 6h 6
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 2G 2J 2K 2F 3D 2T

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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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 1
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

<div>SCHEDULE A</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury</div> <div>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor</div> <div>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Insurance Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> <div>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ALFRED NICKLES BAKERY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0428345	

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

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

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	91743-01	29	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

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

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

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
MICHAEL BRUIN 1454 WILKSHIRE CR SW
N CANTON, OH 44720

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end **4** 2979982**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end **5****6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier **6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
Specify nature of costs ▶**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT****b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 2876267**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)** 63337
(2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)** 34621
(3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)** 0
(4) Transferred from separate account **7c(4)** 226048
(5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)**(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 324006**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 3200273**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)** 220291
(2) Administration charge made by carrier **7e(2)**
(3) Transferred to separate account **7e(3)**
(4) Other (specify below) **7e(4)**(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 220291**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 2979982

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

<div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ALFRED NICKLES BAKERY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0428345

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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

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

AMERITAS INVESTMENT CORP

5900 O ST
LINCOLN, NE 68510

(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?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	26922	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INS CO OF AMERICA

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

84-0467907

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	23622	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

LEAFHOUSE FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

6504 BRIDGE POINT PKWY STE450
AUSTIN, TX 78730

(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?
27 99	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	6733	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CBIZ BENEFITS & INS SERVICES INC

28126 NETWORK PLACE
CHICAGO, IL 60673-1281

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	CONTRACT ADMIN	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	5000	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)

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			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
CBIZ BENEFITS & INS SERVICES INC	13	5000

(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.
GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INS CO 8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	TPA ALLOWANCE PAYMENT

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

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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:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">2023</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan <u>NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401K PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>002</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ALFRED NICKLES BAKERY, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>34-0428345</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADV 2040 FUND XA</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-1384398-260</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>75147</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADV MATURITY FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-0788428-268</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1226471</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>LORD ABBETT SMALL CAP GROWTH TRUST</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>38-4139856-000</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>142989</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADV 2030 FUND XA</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-0788040-262</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>371198</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADV 2060 FUND XA</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>47-5459433-273</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>102111</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADV 2050 FUND XA</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-0787670-258</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>72213</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADV 2025 FUND XA</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-1384344-263</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1155967</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP GROWTH FUND FEE CLASS R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 38-4126247-549	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 267912
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP VALUE FEE CLASS R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): AST WILMINGTON TRUST		
c EIN-PN 38-4139852-549	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 127155
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADV 2035 FUND XA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS		
c EIN-PN 26-0787945-261	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 365578
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADV 2055 FUND XA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS		
c EIN-PN 27-3616920-272	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 68973
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM LARGE CAP GROWTH CLASS R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 86-1876640-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2318307
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADV 2045 FUND XA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS		
c EIN-PN 26-1208510-259	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2318722
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LARGE CAP VALUE FUND CLASS R1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 38-4065329-426	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 418501
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PGIM SELECT REAL ESTATE FUND CIT CL		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 38-7264543-706	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 34187
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL GROWTH FUND C1 R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 26-3783561-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 34065
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIRST EAGLE SMALL CAP OPP CIT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BENEFIT PLANS ADMIN SERVICES COLLECTIVE TRUSTS		
c EIN-PN 87-6383971-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 26786

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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401K PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ALFRED NICKLES BAKERY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0428345	

Part I Asset and Liability Statement			
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	63061	64348
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	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)	256038	305951
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	7337269	9126282
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(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)	2236518	2537530
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	2876266	2979982
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	12769152	15014093
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	12769152	15014093

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)	412410	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	461837	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		874247
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)	20083	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	34615	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		54698
(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)	68112	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		68112
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(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)		1697724
(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)		338104
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3032885

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	731471	
(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)		731471
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)	56473	
(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)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		56473
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		787944

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2244941
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **MALONEY & NOVOTNY LLC**

(2) EIN: **34-0677006**

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?	☒		1500000
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 _____.

<div>SCHEDULE R</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury</div> <div>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor</div> <div>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
<div>A Name of plan</div> <div>NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401K PLAN</div>	<div>B Three-digit plan number (PN)</div> <div>002</div>	
<div>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500</div> <div>ALFRED NICKLES BAKERY, INC.</div>	<div>D Employer Identification Number (EIN)</div> <div>34-0428345</div>	

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

<div>1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>0</div>
<div>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):</div> <div>EIN(s): 84-0467907</div> <div>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</div>		
<div>3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year</div>	<div>3</div>	

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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<div>4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?</div> <div>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A</div>
<div>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 _____</div> <div>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</div>	
<div>6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)</div>	<div>6a</div>
<div>b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year</div>	<div>6b</div>
<div>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)</div>	<div>6c</div>
<div>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</div>	
<div>7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A</div>
<div>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?</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A</div>

Part III	Amendments
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<div>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.</div>	<div>☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No</div>
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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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<div>10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No</div>
<div>11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No</div>
<div>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.)</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No</div>
<div>12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No</div>

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.	
a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:	
☐ Yes.	
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☒ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☐ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702823A</u> .	

**NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES'
401(k) PLAN**

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023 and 2022



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Independent Auditors' Report

Plan Administrator
Nickles Bakery Employees' 401(k) Plan
Navarre, Ohio

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Nickles Bakery Employees' 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) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, 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 ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits 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 ("GAAP").

- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits 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 GAAP, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. 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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 GAAP.

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 GAAP.

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

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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures 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).

Meloney + Novotny LLC

Canton, Ohio
October 11, 2024

NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Assets	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investments, at fair value:		
Guaranteed investment contracts	\$ 2,979,982	\$ 2,876,266
Common collective trusts	9,126,282	7,337,269
Mutual funds	<u>2,537,530</u>	<u>2,236,518</u>
Total investments	14,643,794	12,450,053
Notes receivable from participants	305,951	256,038
Contributions receivable - employer	<u>64,348</u>	<u>63,061</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$ <u>15,014,093</u>	\$ <u>12,769,152</u>

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

NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

INVESTMENT ACTIVITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investment activity:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 2,035,828	\$ (2,456,623)
Interest and dividend income	<u>102,727</u>	<u>88,768</u>
Total investment activity	<u>2,138,555</u>	<u>(2,367,855)</u>
 Interest income on notes receivable from participants	 20,083	 12,509
 Contributions:		
Participants:		
Deferrals	461,837	447,735
Rollovers	-	-
Employer	<u>412,410</u>	<u>396,654</u>
Total contributions	<u>874,247</u>	<u>844,389</u>
Total investment activity and contributions	<u>3,032,885</u>	<u>(1,510,957)</u>
 DEDUCTIONS		
Benefits paid directly to participants	731,471	1,057,595
Administrative expenses	<u>56,473</u>	<u>61,163</u>
Total deductions	<u>787,944</u>	<u>1,118,758</u>
 Net increase (decrease)	 2,244,941	 (2,629,715)
 Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	<u>12,769,152</u>	<u>15,398,867</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 15,014,093</u>	<u>\$ 12,769,152</u>

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

NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Nickles Bakery Employees' 401(k) Plan ("Plan"), formerly known as Nickles Bakeries Employees' 401(k) 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 covering all qualifying employees of Alfred Nickles Bakery, Inc. (Company and plan administrator). All employees are deemed to be participants in the Plan on the earlier of the first day of the Plan year, or the first day of the seventh month of the Plan year, after completing one year of service and reaching age 21. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Contributions:

Participant contributions are voluntary. Contributions of earned compensation may be tax deferred up to a maximum dollar amount as established by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company may make discretionary matching contributions. The Company may also make a discretionary "safe harbor" contribution and a discretionary profit-sharing contribution. Such contributions are determined by the Company's Board of Directors. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company matched 50% of the first 6% of participant contributions as well as making a 3% "safe harbor" contribution and a 1% profit-sharing contribution. The 1% profit-sharing contribution totaled \$64,348. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company matched 50% of the first 6% of participant contributions as well as making a 3% "safe harbor" contribution and a 1% profit-sharing contribution. The 1% profit-sharing contribution totaled \$63,061. The Company's "safe harbor" contribution and profit-sharing contribution are allocated to each participant's account based on compensation.

Participant Accounts:

An account is maintained in the name of each participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions and (b) Plan earnings and may be charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account for which the participant is vested.

Vesting:

Each participant is fully vested with respect to his or her contributions and Company "safe harbor" contributions and related income allocated to his or her account. Other employer contributions vest with the participant as of the earlier of the date the participant completes six years of service (20% per year after the first year) or reaches age 65. Participants may not withdraw their balances prior to reaching age 59½ except for reasons of financial hardship, retirement, disability, death or termination of employment.

NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Note 1. Description of the Plan (Continued)

Forfeitures:

Forfeited balances of terminated participants' nonvested accounts are used to reduce future Company contributions. The amount of forfeited, nonvested accounts was not material during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Investment Options:

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employer and employee contributions in any percentage increments in any of the available investment options.

Participants may change their investment options at any time.

Notes Receivable from Participants:

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Notes receivable are treated as a transfer from (to) the investment fund to (from) the loan fund. Notes receivable terms range from 1-5 years or longer for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. Notes receivable are valued at their outstanding balance.

Payment of Benefits:

On termination of service, death, disability or retirement, a participant may receive a lump-sum amount equal to the vested amount of his or her account or elect to receive annual installments over a period of time specified in the Plan Agreement.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting:

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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. See Note 8 for discussion of fair value measurements.

NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as a distribution based upon the terms of the Plan Agreement. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Use of Estimates:

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

Benefit Payments:

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses:

Administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Plan or the Company, at the option of the Company.

Subsequent Events:

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 11, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3. Unaudited Information

The plan administrator has elected the methods of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America, the Custodian, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reflected on the statements of net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the supplemental schedule at December 31, 2023, the related investment activity reflected in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and investment related information in the accompanying notes to the financial statements. This information is unaudited by independent accountants.

NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Note 4. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, all participants will become 100% vested in Company contributions and will receive a distribution of the balance in their account in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

Note 5. Income Tax Status

The Plan utilizes a Volume Submitter Plan Document offered by the third party administrator. The Internal Revenue Service has informed the third party administrator by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the form of the Plan is acceptable under applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Company is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the Plan's qualified status.

The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require such recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

Note 6. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan holds various investment securities which are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Note 7. Party-in-Interest

The investments held by the Plan are offered by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America, the Custodian of the Plan. As such, these investments and the related transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 8. Fair Value Measurements

The Plan estimates the fair value of financial instruments using available market information and other generally accepted valuation methodologies. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or would be paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The inputs used to measure fair value are classified into three levels:

- Level 1 – Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities

NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Note 8. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

- Level 2 – Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data
- Level 3 – Unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets of the Plan measured at fair value at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Guaranteed investment contracts, which are not fully benefit responsive, are stated at fair value as estimated by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America, based upon the fair value of the underlying assets. The values are reported daily based on the valuation method disclosed in the contract, as calculated by the Custodian. Based on the terms of the contract, fair value equals contract value, and these contracts are considered to be Level 2 assets.

Common collective trusts are valued based on their reported net asset value (NAV). The NAV is based primarily on observable inputs and the market value of the underlying investments and is classified as Level 2.

Mutual funds are valued at the fair value based on quoted prices in active markets as reported by the Custodian and are considered to be Level 1 assets.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. There have been no changes in methodologies used from 2022 to 2023. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Guaranteed investment contracts	\$ -	\$ 2,979,982	\$ -	\$ 2,979,982
Common collective trusts	-	9,126,282	-	9,126,282
Mutual funds	<u>2,537,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,537,530</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,537,530</u>	\$ <u>12,106,265</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>14,643,794</u>

NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Note 8. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

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

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Guaranteed investment contracts	\$ -	\$ 2,876,266	\$ -	\$ 2,876,266
Common collective trusts	-	7,337,269	-	7,337,269
Mutual funds	<u>2,236,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,236,518</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,236,518</u>	\$ <u>10,213,535</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>12,450,053</u>

NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN

EIN 34-0428345

Plan Number 002

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

December 31, 2023

(a)	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor (b) or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, (c) Par or Maturity Value	Current (e) Value
		Guaranteed investment contracts	
*	Empower	Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	\$ 2,979,982
		Common collective trusts	
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2025 Fund XA	1,155,967
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2030 Fund XA	371,198
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2035 Fund XA	365,578
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2040 Fund XA	75,147
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2045 Fund XA	2,318,722
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2050 Fund XA	72,213
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2055 Fund XA	68,973
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2060 Fund XA	102,111
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Adv Maturity Fund XA	1,226,471
	Great Gray Trust	Lord Abbett Small Cap Growth Trust	142,989
	Great Gray Trust	Mid Cap Growth Fund Fee Class R1	267,912
	AST Wilmington Trust	Mid Cap Value Fee Class R1	127,155
	Great Gray Trust	Large Cap Value Fund Class R1	418,501
	Great Gray Trust	Putnam Large Cap Growth Class R	2,318,307
	Great Gray Trust	International Growth Fund CI R	34,065
	Great Gray Trust	PGIM Select Real Estate Fund CIT CI R	34,187
	Benefit Plans Admin Svcs Collective Trusts	First Eagle Small Cap Opportunity CIT	26,786
		Total common collective trusts	9,126,282
		Mutual funds	
		Fidelity International Index	493,388
		Fidelity Small Cap Index	427,653
		Fidelity Mid Cap Index	630,508
		Fidelity 500 Index	608,899
		Fidelity US Bond Index	2,940
		PGIM High-Yield R6	178,838
		Putnam Income R6	192,142
		Fidelity Inflation Protected Bond Index	3,162
		Total mutual funds	2,537,530

NICKLES BAKERY EMPLOYEES' 401(k) PLAN

EIN 34-0428345
Plan Number 002

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

December 31, 2023

(a)	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor (b) or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, (c) Par or Maturity Value	Current (e) Value
*	Participant loans	Interest at 5.25% to 10.50%, due in 2024 to 2028 \$	<u>305,951</u>
			\$ <u><u>14,949,745</u></u>

* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

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

December 31, 2023

(a)	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor (b) or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, (c) Par or Maturity Value	Current (e) Value
		Guaranteed investment contracts	
*	Empower	Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	\$ 2,979,982
		Common collective trusts	
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2025 Fund XA	1,155,967
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2030 Fund XA	371,198
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2035 Fund XA	365,578
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2040 Fund XA	75,147
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2045 Fund XA	2,318,722
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2050 Fund XA	72,213
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2055 Fund XA	68,973
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2060 Fund XA	102,111
	Putnam Investments	Putnam Retirement Adv Maturity Fund XA	1,226,471
	Great Gray Trust	Lord Abbett Small Cap Growth Trust	142,989
	Great Gray Trust	Mid Cap Growth Fund Fee Class R1	267,912
	AST Wilmington Trust	Mid Cap Value Fee Class R1	127,155
	Great Gray Trust	Large Cap Value Fund Class R1	418,501
	Great Gray Trust	Putnam Large Cap Growth Class R	2,318,307
	Great Gray Trust	International Growth Fund CI R	34,065
	Great Gray Trust	PGIM Select Real Estate Fund CIT CI R	34,187
	Benefit Plans Admin Svcs Collective Trusts	First Eagle Small Cap Opportunity CIT	26,786
		Total common collective trusts	9,126,282
		Mutual funds	
		Fidelity International Index	493,388
		Fidelity Small Cap Index	427,653
		Fidelity Mid Cap Index	630,508
		Fidelity 500 Index	608,899
		Fidelity US Bond Index	2,940
		PGIM High-Yield R6	178,838
		Putnam Income R6	192,142
		Fidelity Inflation Protected Bond Index	3,162
		Total mutual funds	2,537,530

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