

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 SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 04/01/1992
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) SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC. 1777 BOTELHO DR, SUITE 300 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596-0000
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2223344
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 925-945-0900
2d	Business code (see instructions) 531110

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.	10/14/2024	MELINDA PEDERSEN
	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
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	5 520
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) 402 6a(2) 379 6b 0 6c 135 6d 514 6e 0 6f 514 6g(1) 474 6g(2) 509 6h 132
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:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D

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

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 0
- (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 SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2223344

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

x

No
- b

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

(b)

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

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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)

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	86228	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVIS

20-1665305

(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 ADVISORY	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	28000	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

JORDAN & ASSOCIATES RETIREMENT SERV

68-0369583

(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?
10 11 50	THIRD PARTY ADMIN	18431	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	6382	Yes ☐ No ☒

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)

ARMANINO LLP

94-6214841

(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?
10 13 50	ACCOUNTANT	22011	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 ☐

(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
CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVIS	27 99	28000
(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.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	INVESTMENT ADVISORY (PLAN)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
JORDAN & ASSOCIATES RETIREMENT SERV	27 50 49 99	6382
(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.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		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 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 SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2223344	
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)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: METLIFE REL SV SER 25157 CL 0					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): RELIANCE TRUST COMPANY					
c EIN-PN 46-6625485-002		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: METLIFE SV FD SER 25053 CL 0					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): RELIANCE TRUST COMPANY					
c EIN-PN 46-6625485-001		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 907172	
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 code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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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
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
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
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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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2223344	

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)	18642	259
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	52374	999
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	59654	141973
(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)	329451	370859
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	888656	907172
(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)	13970059	18260033
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(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	15318836	19681295
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	0	1134
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	1134
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	15318836	19680161

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)	650256	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1901134	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	107151	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2658541
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	3103	
(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)	28494	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		31597
(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)	538487	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		538487
(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)		18516
(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)		2390723
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		5637864

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1117348	
(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)		1117348
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		32521
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	113377	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	13293	
(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)		126670
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1276539

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		4361325
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: **ARMANINO LLP**

(2) EIN: **94-6214841**

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.	
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023					
A Name of plan SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2223344	
Part I Distributions					
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.					
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....				1	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 42-0127290					
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.					
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year				3	
Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)					
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.					
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.					
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)				6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year				6b	
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)				6c	
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.					
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
Part III Amendments					
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No					
Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.					
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No					
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No					
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.				Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707	

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for: a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) 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	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>Q703973A</u> .	

Sequoia Equities 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 401(k) Plan Committee
Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
Walnut Creek, California

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

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

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Sequoia Equities 401(k) 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 a certification 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 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, 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 financial statements referred to above 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Sequoia Equities 401(k) 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 these 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) audits 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 Sequoia Equities 401(k) 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audits 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- 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 audits 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 Sequoia Equities 401(k) 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 Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of the year) as of December 31, 2023, ("supplemental schedule") 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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 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, is 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).

Armanino LLP

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St. Louis, Missouri

October 14, 2024

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 19,309,127</u>	<u>\$ 14,918,334</u>
Receivables		
Participant contributions	-	52,374
Employer contributions	-	18,704
Notes receivable from participants	<u>370,859</u>	<u>329,352</u>
Total receivables	<u>370,859</u>	<u>400,430</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 19,679,986</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,318,764</u></u>

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

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets	
Contributions	
Participant contributions	\$ 1,899,788
Employer contributions	650,889
Participant rollovers	<u>107,151</u>
Total contributions	<u>2,657,828</u>
Investment income	
Interest and dividends	373,503
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>2,591,970</u>
Total investment income	<u>2,965,473</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>28,391</u>
Total additions to net assets	<u>5,651,692</u>
Deductions from net assets	
Benefits paid to participants	1,149,676
Administrative expenses	<u>140,794</u>
Total deductions from net assets	<u>1,290,470</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	4,361,222
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>15,318,764</u>
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 19,679,986</u></u>

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

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan documents for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan, a defined contribution savings plan sponsored by Sequoia Equities, Inc. (the "Company" or "Employer"), is designed to qualify under Section 401(a) and related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan was established on April 1, 1992, and restated January 1, 2022. The Plan is designed to provide eligible participants with a means to defer a portion of their compensation for retirement and to provide benefits in the event of disability, death, termination, or financial hardship. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Effective March 27, 2020, the Plan administratively adopted the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Cares ("CARES") Act, related to participant loans and distributions. The Company has until December 31, 2025, to amend the Plan for changes allowed by the CARES Act. The Plan was amended to adopt these provisions in the plan year ending December 31, 2024.

An expansion of Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 ("SECURE 2.0") was signed into law on December 29, 2022, as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. The effective dates of provisions within SECURE 2.0 vary through 2026. The Plan Sponsor has until the end of the first plan year beginning on or after January 1, 2025, to amend the Plan for the changes related to SECURE 2.0. The Plan has not been formally amended to adopt these provisions as of December 31, 2023.

Plan administration

The Company has designated the 401(k) Plan Committee (the "Committee") as the administrator of the Plan and, as such, the Committee carries out the duties imposed by ERISA. The Company has contracted with Principal Trust Company (the "Trustee") to act as the directed trustee and Jordan & Associates Retirement Services (for the period from July 3, 2023 through December 31, 2023) and California Retirement Plan Inc. (for the period from January 1, 2023 through July 2, 2023, and at December 31, 2022), to perform record-keeping and third-party administrative services for the Plan.

Eligibility

All employees of the Company are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the quarter after completing 3 months of service, as defined by the Plan. The following classes of employees are excluded from participating in the Plan: employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, leased employees, and non-resident aliens with no United States sourced income.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Participant contributions

Participants may contribute their eligible annual compensation on a pre-tax or after-tax basis (Roth), up to a maximum amount allowed by the IRC. Unless affirmatively elected otherwise, eligible employees are automatically enrolled into the Plan with a pre-tax deferral rate of 3% and invested in a default investment option selected by the Committee. Participants may also contribute pre-tax and after-tax (as Roth) rollover contributions to the Plan from other qualified retirement plans.

Plan participants who have attained age 50 before the end of a calendar year are eligible to make catch-up contributions to the Plan, up to the annual contribution limit as defined in the IRC.

Employer contributions

The Plan allows the Company to make discretionary matching contributions and discretionary non-elective contributions to the Plan. During 2023, the Company made discretionary matching contributions equal to 50% of the employee's contributions, up to 6% of compensation, up to a maximum of \$3,600. Participants who have both completed 1,000 hours of service and are employed as of the last day of the Plan year are eligible to participate in the Company's discretionary non-elective contributions. The Company did not make discretionary non-elective contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, rollovers, and allocations of Employer contributions, if any, and investment earnings, and charged with an allocation of investment losses, if any, and administrative expenses not paid directly by the Company. Participants may direct their account balances into any of the investment options offered by the Plan. Allocations of investment earnings and losses are based strictly on participant's selection of investments and timing of purchase. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting and forfeitures

Participants are immediately 100% vested in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Participants vest in the Company's discretionary matching contributions and discretionary non-elective contributions, if any, ratably over a period of five years, as defined in the plan documents. In the event of death or disability, participants are immediately 100% vested in all Company contributions allocated to their accounts.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Vesting and forfeitures (continued)

The vesting schedule for the Employer discretionary matching and discretionary non-elective contribution is as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Less than 1	0 %
1	20 %
2	40 %
3	60 %
4	80 %
5	100 %

Forfeited non-vested amounts may be used to either offset the Company's discretionary matching contributions or discretionary non-elective contributions, if any, or to pay Plan administrative expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2023, \$27,090 was used to pay Plan administrative expenses. Total forfeited non-vested amounts held by the Plan were \$141,972 and \$59,114 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 and up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Notes receivable from participants ("participant loans" or "loans") must be repaid within five years, unless the participant's loan is used to acquire a primary residence, in which case the repayment period may be no longer than 15 years. Participant loans are secured by the respective participant's vested account balance and bear interest at a rate equal to the prime rate plus 2% at the time the loan is taken. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions with payments made each pay period. Outstanding participant loans at December 31, 2023, bear interest at annual rates of between 5.25% and 10.50%, with maturities through May 2038.

Payment of benefits

Distributions and withdrawals are payable upon attainment of age 59 1/2, retirement, termination, financial hardship, disability or death. Upon termination, if a participant's vested account balance is equal to or less than \$1,000, the balance is immediately distributed as a lump-sum payment, unless otherwise elected. Upon termination, if a participant's vested account balance is greater than \$1,000 and less than \$5,000, their balance shall be automatically rolled over into an individual retirement account designated by the Plan administrator, unless otherwise elected. Upon termination, if a participant's vested account balance is \$5,000 or more, the participant (or beneficiary) may elect to receive a distribution of their account balance as a lump-sum payment, installment payments, or postpone payment to a later date and remain in the Plan.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Payment of benefits (continued)

Upon attaining the age of 59 ½ the participant may, while still employed by the Company, request a withdrawal from their account balance. Hardship distributions are permitted under limited circumstances as defined in the Plan documents.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses are generally paid by the Company, but may, at the discretion of the Plan administrator, be paid by the Plan. Transaction fees for certain participant-initiated activity are charged to the specific account of the participant initiating any such transaction. The Plan is not required to reimburse the Company for expenses paid on its behalf.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting and financial statement presentation

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP")

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the change therein, and disclosure of contingent liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and uncertainties

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

Investment valuation and income recognition

The Plan's 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 (Note 4).

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investment valuation and income recognition (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 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 amortized cost, which represents the unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the participant loan is determined to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a deemed distribution is recorded. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Contributions and receivables

Contributions from participants are recorded based on the date the contributions have been separated from a participant's pay by the Company, which is the pay date. The Company's discretionary contributions, if any, are recorded in the year they are earned and to coincide with the year in which the Company records the contribution in its general ledger. The Plan records receivables for contributions based upon the contributions recorded in the Plan year but received by the Plan subsequent to year end.

Rollover contributions from participants are recorded based on the date the contributions have been received by the Trustee.

Payment of benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses are recorded when incurred.

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Effective January 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to adopt the changes related to SECURE 2.0. No other subsequent events have occurred that would have a material impact on the presentation of the Plan's financial statements.

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3. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE (UNAUDITED)

The Plan administrator, 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 ERISA. Accordingly, the Trustee, determined to be a qualified institution by the plan administrator, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023, ("supplemental schedule").

Accordingly, as requested by the Plan administrator, the Plan's independent auditor performed no audit procedures on the certified information other than to agree the certified information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting standards establish a framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). 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 the Plan has the ability to access.
- *Level 2* - inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- *Level 3* - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis. 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 on the open market. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds 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 have a readily determinable fair value and are classified within level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Common/collective trust ("CCT"): Investment in the CCT is valued at the NAV. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimated fair value. The NAV is based on the assets less liabilities of the underlying investments held by the CCT, less fees and expenses, divided by the number of outstanding units. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the CCT will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan was to initiate a full redemption of the CCT, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidation is carried out in an orderly business manner. The CCT has no unfunded commitments and can be redeemed daily.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies of 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, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets, by type, at fair values as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 18,401,955</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 18,401,955
Investment measured at NAV*				<u>907,172</u>
				<u>\$ 19,309,127</u>

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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

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

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 14,029,678</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 14,029,678
Investment measured at NAV*				<u>888,656</u>
				<u>\$ 14,918,334</u>

*In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, the investment measured at fair value using the NAV per share practical expedient (or the equivalent) has not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

5. TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted the California Retirement Plans, Inc Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan ("pre-approved plan"). The Internal Revenue Service has issued an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, stating that the volume submitter plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC and is appropriate for use by employers for the benefit of their employees. The plan administrator believes that the Plan, as adopted and amended, is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and is tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

6. 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 the Plan is terminated, participants would become fully vested in their accounts.

7. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

ERISA defines party-in-interest similarly to the definition of a related party under U.S. GAAP, except that ERISA's definition is broader and includes all entities and individuals that provide services to the Plan; however, these entities may not necessarily be related parties. Management did not identify any related parties to the Plan that were not also considered to be parties-in-interest.

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7. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, and an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50 percent or more of such an employer or employee association or relatives of such persons.

The Company pays certain fees and expenses on behalf of the Plan. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan is not required to repay expenses paid by the Company on its behalf.

The Plan's agreement with the Trustee allows the Trustee to earn compensation in the form of short-term interest ("float") on certain items before they are invested, allocated, or applied in accordance with the Plan's instructions.

8. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 19,679,986	\$ 15,318,764
Add: non-material adjustments	<u>175</u>	<u>72</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 19,680,161</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,318,836</u></u>

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

Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 4,361,222
Add: current year non-material adjustments	175
Less: prior year non-material adjustments	<u>(72)</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 4,361,325</u></u>

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
 EIN: 94-2223344; Plan: 001
 Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i) - 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) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 34,621
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	128,054
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	545,242
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	777,019
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	990,220
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	926,512
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,760,057
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,523,150
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,648,238
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	697,644
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	160,513
	MFS Investment Management - MFS Growth R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,803,823
	American Funds American Balanced R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,339,295
	Vanguard Equity - Income Admiral Fund	Mutual Fund	**	917,848
	American Funds Capital Income Builder R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	823,419
	American Funds Capital World Growth & Income R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	832,114
	American Funds Europacific Growth R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	162,361
	American Funds New Perspective R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	330,828
	American Funds Smallcap World R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	312,384
	DFA US Targeted Value I Fund	Mutual Fund	**	595
	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	62,162
	Janus Henderson Enterprise I Fund	Mutual Fund	**	3,650
	Pimco Income Institutional Fund	Mutual Fund	**	151,390
	DFA International Value Fund	Mutual Fund	**	4,735
	Vanguard 500 Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	595,593
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	13,844
	Vanguard Selected Value Inv Fund	Mutual Fund	**	13,946
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	27,407
	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	27,012
	Vanguard Total Stock Mrkt Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	1,770,253
	DFA Real Estate Fund	Mutual Fund	**	187
	Invesco Developing Market R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	574
	Invesco Discovery R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	15,214
	Baird Aggregate Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	549
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,502
	Reliance MetLife GAC Series 25157 Cls	Common/Collective Trust	**	907,172
				<u>19,309,127</u>
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates from 5.25% to 10.50%, maturities through May 2038	-	<u>370,859</u>
				<u>\$ 19,679,986</u>

* Indicated party-in-interest to the Plan

** Cost information not provided as all investments are participant directed

Form 5500Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceDepartment of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089**2023****This Form is Open to Public Inspection****Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

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

- A** This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
- B** This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report
☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ☐
- D** Check box if filing under: ☒ 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 SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
	1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1992
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) SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC. 1777 BOTELHO DR, SUITE 300 WALNUT CREEK CA 94596-0000	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2223344 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 925-945-0900 2d Business code (see instructions) 531110

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

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

SIGN HERE		10/11/2024	MELINDA PEDERSEN
	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

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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	5 520
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) 402 6a(2) 379 6b 0 6c 135 6d 514 6e 0 6f 514 6g(1) 474 6g(2) 509 6h 132
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: 2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D	

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

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.
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A Name of plan SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2223344

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)

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	86,228	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVIS

20-1665305

(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 ADVISORY	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	28,000	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Jordan & Associates Retirement Serv

68-0369583

(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?
10 11 50	Third Party Admin	18,431	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	6,382	Yes ☐ No ☒

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)

ARMANINO LLP

94-6214841

(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?
10 13 50	ACCOUNTANT	22,011	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 ☐

(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
CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVIS	27 99	28,000
(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.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	INVESTMENT ADVISORY (PLAN)	
Jordan & Associates Retirement Serv	27 99 50 49	6,382
(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.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

Explanation:

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c Position:	
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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
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A Name of plan SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2223344	
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)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:METLIFE REL SV SER 25157 CL 0					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): RELIANCE TRUST COMPANY					
c EIN-PN 46-6625485 002		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:METLIFE SV FD SER 25053 CL 0					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):Reliance Trust Company					
c EIN-PN 46-6625485 001		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 907,172	
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 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 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 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 code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	

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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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Asset and Liability Statement			
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is 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)	18,642	259
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	52,374	999
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	59,654	141,973
(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)	329,451	370,859
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	888,656	907,172
(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)	13,970,059	18,260,033
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(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	15,318,836	19,681,295
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	1,134
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	1,134
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	15,318,836	19,680,161

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)	650,256	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	1,901,134	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	107,151	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2,658,541
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	3,103	
(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)	28,494	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		31,597
(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)	538,487	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		538,487
(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)		18,516
(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)		2,390,723
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		5,637,864

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1,117,348	
(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)		1,117,348
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		32,521
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	113,377	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	13,293	
(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)		126,670
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1,276,539

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		4,361,325
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: ARMANINO LLP

(2) EIN: 94 - 6214841

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.)		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500,000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.			
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning		01/01/2023		and ending		12/31/2023	
A Name of plan SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶		001	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94 - 2223344			
Part I		Distributions					
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.							
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....				1		0	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 42 - 0127290 Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.							
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....				3			
Part II		Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)					
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				☐ Yes		☐ No	
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.				☐ N/A			
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	
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	
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	
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 III				Amendments			
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....				☐ Increase		☐ Decrease	
Part IV				ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.			
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....				☐ Yes		☐ No	
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?.....				☐ Yes		☐ No	
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.).....				☐ Yes		☐ No	
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?				☐ Yes		☐ No	
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.				Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230728			

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

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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

- 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 06/30/2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703973a.

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
 EIN: 94-2223344 Plan # 001
 Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year (12/31/23)
 Attachment to Item 4(i) of Schedule H (Form 5500)

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	American Funds American Balanced R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,339,296
	American Funds Capital Inc Bldr R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	823,420
	American Funds Capital World Growth & Income R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	832,116
	American Funds Europacific Growth R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	162,362
	American Funds New Perspective R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	330,830
	American Funds Smallcap World R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	312,386
	Baird Aggregate Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	549
	DFA International Value Fund	Mutual Fund	**	4,736
	DFA Real Estate Fund	Mutual Fund	**	187
	DFA US Targeted Value I Fund	Mutual Fund	**	596
	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	62,163
	Invesco Developing Market R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	573
	Invesco Discovery R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	15,216
	Janus Henderson Enterprise I Fund	Mutual Fund	**	3,655
	MetLife Series Stable Value Fund	Common/Collective Trust	**	907,172
	MFS Investment Management - MFS Growth R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,803,825
	Pimco Income Institutional Fund	Mutual Fund	**	151,390
	Vanguard 500 Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	595,611
	Vanguard Equity - Inc Admiral Fund	Mutual Fund	**	917,850
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	13,848
	Vanguard Selected Value Inv Fund	Mutual Fund	**	13,946
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	27,410
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	128,055
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	545,243
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	777,020
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	990,221
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	926,513
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,760,057
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,523,149
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,648,237
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	697,643
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	160,513
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,502
	Vanguard Target Retirement Inc Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	34,621
	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	1,770,254
	Vanguard Total Stock Mrkt Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	27,013
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates from 5.25% to 10.50%	-	370,859

Sequoia Equities 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 401(k) Plan Committee
Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
Walnut Creek, California

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

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

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Sequoia Equities 401(k) 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 a certification 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 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, 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 financial statements referred to above 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Sequoia Equities 401(k) 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 these 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) audits 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 Sequoia Equities 401(k) 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audits 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- 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 audits 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 Sequoia Equities 401(k) 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 Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of the year) as of December 31, 2023, ("supplemental schedule") 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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 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, is 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).

Armanino LLP

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St. Louis, Missouri

October 14, 2024

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 19,309,127</u>	<u>\$ 14,918,334</u>
Receivables		
Participant contributions	-	52,374
Employer contributions	-	18,704
Notes receivable from participants	<u>370,859</u>	<u>329,352</u>
Total receivables	<u>370,859</u>	<u>400,430</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 19,679,986</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,318,764</u></u>

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

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets	
Contributions	
Participant contributions	\$ 1,899,788
Employer contributions	650,889
Participant rollovers	<u>107,151</u>
Total contributions	<u>2,657,828</u>
Investment income	
Interest and dividends	373,503
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>2,591,970</u>
Total investment income	<u>2,965,473</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>28,391</u>
Total additions to net assets	<u>5,651,692</u>
Deductions from net assets	
Benefits paid to participants	1,149,676
Administrative expenses	<u>140,794</u>
Total deductions from net assets	<u>1,290,470</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	4,361,222
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>15,318,764</u>
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 19,679,986</u></u>

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

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023 and 2022

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan documents for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan, a defined contribution savings plan sponsored by Sequoia Equities, Inc. (the "Company" or "Employer"), is designed to qualify under Section 401(a) and related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan was established on April 1, 1992, and restated January 1, 2022. The Plan is designed to provide eligible participants with a means to defer a portion of their compensation for retirement and to provide benefits in the event of disability, death, termination, or financial hardship. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Effective March 27, 2020, the Plan administratively adopted the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Cares ("CARES") Act, related to participant loans and distributions. The Company has until December 31, 2025, to amend the Plan for changes allowed by the CARES Act. The Plan was amended to adopt these provisions in the plan year ending December 31, 2024.

An expansion of Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 ("SECURE 2.0") was signed into law on December 29, 2022, as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. The effective dates of provisions within SECURE 2.0 vary through 2026. The Plan Sponsor has until the end of the first plan year beginning on or after January 1, 2025, to amend the Plan for the changes related to SECURE 2.0. The Plan has not been formally amended to adopt these provisions as of December 31, 2023.

Plan administration

The Company has designated the 401(k) Plan Committee (the "Committee") as the administrator of the Plan and, as such, the Committee carries out the duties imposed by ERISA. The Company has contracted with Principal Trust Company (the "Trustee") to act as the directed trustee and Jordan & Associates Retirement Services (for the period from July 3, 2023 through December 31, 2023) and California Retirement Plan Inc. (for the period from January 1, 2023 through July 2, 2023, and at December 31, 2022), to perform record-keeping and third-party administrative services for the Plan.

Eligibility

All employees of the Company are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the quarter after completing 3 months of service, as defined by the Plan. The following classes of employees are excluded from participating in the Plan: employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, leased employees, and non-resident aliens with no United States sourced income.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Participant contributions

Participants may contribute their eligible annual compensation on a pre-tax or after-tax basis (Roth), up to a maximum amount allowed by the IRC. Unless affirmatively elected otherwise, eligible employees are automatically enrolled into the Plan with a pre-tax deferral rate of 3% and invested in a default investment option selected by the Committee. Participants may also contribute pre-tax and after-tax (as Roth) rollover contributions to the Plan from other qualified retirement plans.

Plan participants who have attained age 50 before the end of a calendar year are eligible to make catch-up contributions to the Plan, up to the annual contribution limit as defined in the IRC.

Employer contributions

The Plan allows the Company to make discretionary matching contributions and discretionary non-elective contributions to the Plan. During 2023, the Company made discretionary matching contributions equal to 50% of the employee's contributions, up to 6% of compensation, up to a maximum of \$3,600. Participants who have both completed 1,000 hours of service and are employed as of the last day of the Plan year are eligible to participate in the Company's discretionary non-elective contributions. The Company did not make discretionary non-elective contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, rollovers, and allocations of Employer contributions, if any, and investment earnings, and charged with an allocation of investment losses, if any, and administrative expenses not paid directly by the Company. Participants may direct their account balances into any of the investment options offered by the Plan. Allocations of investment earnings and losses are based strictly on participant's selection of investments and timing of purchase. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting and forfeitures

Participants are immediately 100% vested in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Participants vest in the Company's discretionary matching contributions and discretionary non-elective contributions, if any, ratably over a period of five years, as defined in the plan documents. In the event of death or disability, participants are immediately 100% vested in all Company contributions allocated to their accounts.

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Vesting and forfeitures (continued)

The vesting schedule for the Employer discretionary matching and discretionary non-elective contribution is as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Less than 1	0 %
1	20 %
2	40 %
3	60 %
4	80 %
5	100 %

Forfeited non-vested amounts may be used to either offset the Company's discretionary matching contributions or discretionary non-elective contributions, if any, or to pay Plan administrative expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2023, \$27,090 was used to pay Plan administrative expenses. Total forfeited non-vested amounts held by the Plan were \$141,972 and \$59,114 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 and up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Notes receivable from participants ("participant loans" or "loans") must be repaid within five years, unless the participant's loan is used to acquire a primary residence, in which case the repayment period may be no longer than 15 years. Participant loans are secured by the respective participant's vested account balance and bear interest at a rate equal to the prime rate plus 2% at the time the loan is taken. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions with payments made each pay period. Outstanding participant loans at December 31, 2023, bear interest at annual rates of between 5.25% and 10.50%, with maturities through May 2038.

Payment of benefits

Distributions and withdrawals are payable upon attainment of age 59 1/2, retirement, termination, financial hardship, disability or death. Upon termination, if a participant's vested account balance is equal to or less than \$1,000, the balance is immediately distributed as a lump-sum payment, unless otherwise elected. Upon termination, if a participant's vested account balance is greater than \$1,000 and less than \$5,000, their balance shall be automatically rolled over into an individual retirement account designated by the Plan administrator, unless otherwise elected. Upon termination, if a participant's vested account balance is \$5,000 or more, the participant (or beneficiary) may elect to receive a distribution of their account balance as a lump-sum payment, installment payments, or postpone payment to a later date and remain in the Plan.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Payment of benefits (continued)

Upon attaining the age of 59 ½ the participant may, while still employed by the Company, request a withdrawal from their account balance. Hardship distributions are permitted under limited circumstances as defined in the Plan documents.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses are generally paid by the Company, but may, at the discretion of the Plan administrator, be paid by the Plan. Transaction fees for certain participant-initiated activity are charged to the specific account of the participant initiating any such transaction. The Plan is not required to reimburse the Company for expenses paid on its behalf.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting and financial statement presentation

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP")

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the change therein, and disclosure of contingent liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and uncertainties

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

Investment valuation and income recognition

The Plan's 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 (Note 4).

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investment valuation and income recognition (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 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 amortized cost, which represents the unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the participant loan is determined to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a deemed distribution is recorded. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Contributions and receivables

Contributions from participants are recorded based on the date the contributions have been separated from a participant's pay by the Company, which is the pay date. The Company's discretionary contributions, if any, are recorded in the year they are earned and to coincide with the year in which the Company records the contribution in its general ledger. The Plan records receivables for contributions based upon the contributions recorded in the Plan year but received by the Plan subsequent to year end.

Rollover contributions from participants are recorded based on the date the contributions have been received by the Trustee.

Payment of benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses are recorded when incurred.

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Effective January 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to adopt the changes related to SECURE 2.0. No other subsequent events have occurred that would have a material impact on the presentation of the Plan's financial statements.

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3. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE (UNAUDITED)

The Plan administrator, 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 ERISA. Accordingly, the Trustee, determined to be a qualified institution by the plan administrator, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023, ("supplemental schedule").

Accordingly, as requested by the Plan administrator, the Plan's independent auditor performed no audit procedures on the certified information other than to agree the certified information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting standards establish a framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). 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 the Plan has the ability to access.
- *Level 2* - inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- *Level 3* - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis. 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 on the open market. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds 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 have a readily determinable fair value and are classified within level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Common/collective trust ("CCT"): Investment in the CCT is valued at the NAV. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimated fair value. The NAV is based on the assets less liabilities of the underlying investments held by the CCT, less fees and expenses, divided by the number of outstanding units. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the CCT will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan was to initiate a full redemption of the CCT, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidation is carried out in an orderly business manner. The CCT has no unfunded commitments and can be redeemed daily.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies of 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, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets, by type, at fair values as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 18,401,955</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 18,401,955
Investment measured at NAV*				<u>907,172</u>
				<u>\$ 19,309,127</u>

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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

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

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 14,029,678</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 14,029,678
Investment measured at NAV*				<u>888,656</u>
				<u>\$ 14,918,334</u>

*In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, the investment measured at fair value using the NAV per share practical expedient (or the equivalent) has not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

5. TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted the California Retirement Plans, Inc Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan ("pre-approved plan"). The Internal Revenue Service has issued an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, stating that the volume submitter plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC and is appropriate for use by employers for the benefit of their employees. The plan administrator believes that the Plan, as adopted and amended, is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and is tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

6. 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 the Plan is terminated, participants would become fully vested in their accounts.

7. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

ERISA defines party-in-interest similarly to the definition of a related party under U.S. GAAP, except that ERISA's definition is broader and includes all entities and individuals that provide services to the Plan; however, these entities may not necessarily be related parties. Management did not identify any related parties to the Plan that were not also considered to be parties-in-interest.

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7. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, and an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50 percent or more of such an employer or employee association or relatives of such persons.

The Company pays certain fees and expenses on behalf of the Plan. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan is not required to repay expenses paid by the Company on its behalf.

The Plan's agreement with the Trustee allows the Trustee to earn compensation in the form of short-term interest ("float") on certain items before they are invested, allocated, or applied in accordance with the Plan's instructions.

8. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 19,679,986	\$ 15,318,764
Add: non-material adjustments	<u>175</u>	<u>72</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 19,680,161</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,318,836</u></u>

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

Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 4,361,222
Add: current year non-material adjustments	175
Less: prior year non-material adjustments	<u>(72)</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 4,361,325</u></u>

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
 EIN: 94-2223344; Plan: 001
 Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i) - 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) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 34,621
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	128,054
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	545,242
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	777,019
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	990,220
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	926,512
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,760,057
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,523,150
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,648,238
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	697,644
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	160,513
	MFS Investment Management - MFS Growth R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,803,823
	American Funds American Balanced R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,339,295
	Vanguard Equity - Income Admiral Fund	Mutual Fund	**	917,848
	American Funds Capital Income Builder R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	823,419
	American Funds Capital World Growth & Income R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	832,114
	American Funds Europacific Growth R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	162,361
	American Funds New Perspective R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	330,828
	American Funds Smallcap World R5 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	312,384
	DFA US Targeted Value I Fund	Mutual Fund	**	595
	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	62,162
	Janus Henderson Enterprise I Fund	Mutual Fund	**	3,650
	Pimco Income Institutional Fund	Mutual Fund	**	151,390
	DFA International Value Fund	Mutual Fund	**	4,735
	Vanguard 500 Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	595,593
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	13,844
	Vanguard Selected Value Inv Fund	Mutual Fund	**	13,946
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	27,407
	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	27,012
	Vanguard Total Stock Mrkt Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	1,770,253
	DFA Real Estate Fund	Mutual Fund	**	187
	Invesco Developing Market R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	574
	Invesco Discovery R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	15,214
	Baird Aggregate Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	549
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,502
	Reliance MetLife GAC Series 25157 Cls	Common/Collective Trust	**	907,172
				19,309,127
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates from 5.25% to 10.50%, maturities through May 2038	-	370,859
				<u>\$ 19,679,986</u>

* Indicated party-in-interest to the Plan

** Cost information not provided as all investments are participant directed

Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
 EIN: 94-2223344 Plan # 001
 Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year (12/31/23)
 Attachment to Item 4(i) of Schedule H (Form 5500)

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	American Funds American Balanced R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,339,296
	American Funds Capital Inc Bldr R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	823,420
	American Funds Capital World Growth & Income R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	832,116
	American Funds Europacific Growth R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	162,362
	American Funds New Perspective R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	330,830
	American Funds Smallcap World R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	312,386
	Baird Aggregate Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	549
	DFA International Value Fund	Mutual Fund	**	4,736
	DFA Real Estate Fund	Mutual Fund	**	187
	DFA US Targeted Value I Fund	Mutual Fund	**	596
	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	62,163
	Invesco Developing Market R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	573
	Invesco Discovery R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	15,216
	Janus Henderson Enterprise I Fund	Mutual Fund	**	3,655
	MetLife Series Stable Value Fund	Common/Collective Trust	**	907,172
	MFS Investment Management - MFS Growth R6 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,803,825
	Pimco Income Institutional Fund	Mutual Fund	**	151,390
	Vanguard 500 Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	595,611
	Vanguard Equity - Inc Admiral Fund	Mutual Fund	**	917,850
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	13,848
	Vanguard Selected Value Inv Fund	Mutual Fund	**	13,946
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	27,410
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	128,055
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	545,243
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	777,020
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	990,221
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	926,513
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,760,057
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,523,149
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,648,237
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	697,643
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	160,513
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,502
	Vanguard Target Retirement Inc Investment Fund	Mutual Fund	**	34,621
	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	1,770,254
	Vanguard Total Stock Mrkt Index Fund - Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	27,013
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates from 5.25% to 10.50%	-	370,859