

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) _____
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 CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC. 401(K) SAFE HARBOR PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
1c	Effective date of plan 12/01/1993
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) CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC. 127 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 5300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-3000982
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 216-462-0952
2d	Business code (see instructions) 336300

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	KEVIN RUMINSKI
	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 1593
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) 1014 6a(2) 300 6b 19 6c 557 6d 876 6e 0 6f 876 6g(1) 1593 6g(2) 576 6h 365
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7

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

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 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 1
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC. 401(K) SAFE HARBOR PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-3000982	

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
06-1050034	93629	556186-01	748	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	13048015
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	375886

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT**

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	14360516
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	740538	
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	299672	
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	186917	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	1484808	

▶ **LOAN INTEREST, LOAN PRINCIPAL, ROLLOVER, TRANSFER FORFEITURE**

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	2711935
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	17072451
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	2472303	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	5994	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	260500	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	1285639	

▶ **LOAN DISTRIBUTION**

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	4024436
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	13048015
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-3000982

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY
06-1050034

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

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

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8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

06-1050034

(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 50 15 64 37 65	RECORDKEEPER	84168	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

CAPFINANCIAL PARTNERS LLC DBA CAPTR

4208 SIX FORKS RD STE 1700
RALEIGH NC
RALEIGH, NC 27609

26-0058143

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	62728	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CARON & BLETZER, PLLC

04-3499945

(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	NONE	13500	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

a Name:	CARON & BLETZER, PLLC	b EIN:	04-3499945
c Position:	AUDITOR		
d Address:	1 LIBRARY LANE KINGSTON, NH 03848	e Telephone:	603-658-8000

Explanation: RESIGNED DUTIES

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) 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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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MFS MID CAP GROWTH FUND CT</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>38-4126294-597</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3832268</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>COLUMBIA DIVIDEND VALUE IS PLATFORM</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-785</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>315654</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SMALL CAP VALUE / VICTORY FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-701</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>60232</u>
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
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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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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 CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC. 401(K) SAFE HARBOR PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC.		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-3000982

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	20	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	2335831	1116520
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1563027	1108351
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	3592707	3832268
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	666108	375886
(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)	72654202	76426421
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	14360516	13048015
(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	95172411	95907461
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	95172411	95907461

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)	1116520	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2490397	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	188391	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		3795308
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	81381	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	299672	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		381053
(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)	2008215	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		2008215
(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)		715315
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		49368
(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)		12112760
c Other income	2c		1091
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		19063110

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	18014409	
(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)		18014409
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		157439
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	94761	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	13500	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	46814	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	866	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	271	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		156212
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		18328060

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		735050
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: **BOBER, MARKEY, FEDOROVICH & COMPANY**

(2) EIN: **34-1523030**

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.)	☒	☐	139879
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☐	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC. 401(K) SAFE HARBOR PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-3000982

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1 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): 20-3691708 22-1211670	
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.	
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3

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

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

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

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023
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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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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>09 / 16 / 2022</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q704336A</u> .	

CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC.
401(K) SAFE HARBOR PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

December 31, 2023 and 2022

CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC.
401(K) SAFE HARBOR PLAN
ANNUAL REPORT INDEX
December 31, 2023

The following financial statements and other information of the Cardone Industries, Inc. 401(k) Safe Harbor Plan are included herewith:

- Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022;
- Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023;
- Notes to Financial Statements.

The following supplemental schedules of the Cardone Industries, Inc. 401(k) Safe Harbor Plan included in the Annual Report of the Plan on Form 5500 filed with the Department of Labor as of December 31, 2023 are included herewith:

- Schedule H, line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
- Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

All other supplemental schedules and notes for which provision is made in the applicable rules and regulations of the Department of Labor are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and, therefore, have been omitted.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of
Cardone Industries, Inc. 401(k) Safe Harbor Plan
Cleveland, Ohio

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements

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

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit 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 for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the 2023 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 2023 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 on the 2023 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 2023 Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of these financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal controls. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit 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 2023 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matters

2023 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

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

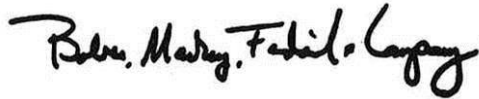
In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules 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).

Auditor's Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Plan as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, were audited by predecessor auditors. 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, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 5, 2023 indicated that in their opinion (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2022 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2022 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the 2022 supplemental schedules that agrees to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and the information in the 2022 supplemental schedules 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).



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Cleveland, Ohio

October 14, 2024

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 80,634,575	\$ 76,913,037
Fully benefit-responsive investment contract, at contract value	<u>13,048,015</u>	<u>14,360,516</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	93,682,590	91,273,553
RECEIVABLES		
Notes receivable from participants	1,108,351	1,563,027
Employer contributions receivable	<u>1,116,520</u>	<u>2,335,831</u>
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	<u>2,224,871</u>	<u>3,898,858</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 95,907,461</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 95,172,411</u></u>

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Investment Income:

Dividend and interest income	\$ 2,307,887
Interest on notes receivable from participants	81,381
	<u>2,389,268</u>

Contributions:

Participants	2,490,397
Employer	1,116,520
Rollovers	188,391
Total contributions	<u>3,795,308</u>

TOTAL ADDITIONS	6,184,576
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Benefits paid to participants	18,171,848
Administrative expenses	<u>156,212</u>

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	18,328,060
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NET APPRECIATION IN FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	12,878,534
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NET INCREASE	735,050
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>95,172,411</u>
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END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 95,907,461</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Cardone Industries, Inc. 401(k) Safe Harbor Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all eligible employees of Cardone Industries, Inc. (the “Company” or “Plan Administrator”). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”).

Contributions

Upon meeting eligibility requirements participants may contribute up to 50% of their plan compensation on a pre-tax or after-tax Roth basis except for Dallas Chemical & Production Workers Union Local 30 who are limited to 20% of their plan compensation, subject to Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) limitations. Participants who are at least 50 may make an additional “catch up” contribution subject to IRC limitations. Participants may also contribute funds from another qualified plan (“rollover contributions”), subject to certain requirements. Prior to February 1, 2022, all non-union participants who were deferring at a rate lower than 4% who were not part of the Rotomaster subplan and who were not deferring at a flat dollar amount, were automatically enrolled at a contribution rate of 4% of plan compensation, unless they opted out. Effective February 1, 2022, all union participants including participants that are part of the Rotomaster subplan who are deferring at a rate lower than 4% and who are not deferring a flat dollar amount are automatically enrolled at a contribution rate of 4% of plan compensation, unless they opt out.

The Company makes a safe harbor matching contribution for non-union participants equal to 100% of each non-union participant’s deferral contribution up to 4% of the participant’s compensation, for a maximum match of 4% of compensation. The Company may make a discretionary non-elective contribution to non-union participants up to 4% of compensation. Employees must be employed on the last day of the plan year and have worked at least 1,000 hours during the plan year to be eligible for a non-elective contribution.

Union participants’ contributions may be matched by the Company at a percentage of a union participant’s compensation, as determined by the Company, for employees who completed at least 250 hours of service within the first three months of employment. Union participants must be employed on the last day of the plan year and have worked at least 1,000 hours during the plan year to be eligible for matching contributions. For the plan year ended December 31, 2023, the Company matched the lesser of 100% of the first 10% of a union participant’s deferral contributions or 1% of the participant’s compensation deferred. The Company also contributes non-elective contributions for employees who have completed a year of service. Union participants must be employed on the last day of the plan year and have worked at least 1,000 hours during the plan year to be eligible for non-elective contributions. All SEIU Local 252 employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement receive a 2% fixed ESOP Replacement contribution and a 3% pension

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replacement contribution for a maximum non-elective contribution of 5%. During 2023, the Company had reductions in workforce that the Company has concluded result in a partial termination of the Plan. Accordingly, the terminated participants affected by the reductions in workforce became 100% vested in their account balance.

The Company made non-elective contributions to non-union and union participants of \$944,253 for the 2023 plan year.

All Harlingen Plastic Workers Union Local 18 employees who complete at least 250 hours of service within the first three months of employment and that are covered by a collective bargaining agreement receive a fixed \$25 per month contribution. Such employees must work at least 40 hours each month to be eligible to receive a contribution for that month. All Dallas Chemical & Production Workers Union Local 30 employees who complete at least 250 hours of service within the first three months of employment and that are covered by a collective bargaining agreement shall receive a fixed \$35 per month contribution. Such employees must work at least 40 hours each month to be eligible to receive a contribution for that month.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is increased or decreased, as appropriate, with (a) the participant's contribution, (b) the Company's contribution, and (c) investment earnings and losses. In addition, each participant's account is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balance, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are fully vested in that portion of their account which represents their contributions, the Company safe harbor and ESOP replacement contributions, and the income earned thereon. A participant is 100% vested upon reaching normal retirement age, early retirement age, death, or disability while employed by the Company. Otherwise, a non-union participant's interest in the Company's non-union non-elective contributions and earnings thereon vests according to the following schedule:

Completed Years of Service	Percent Vested
1 year	25%
2 years	50%
3 years	100%

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A union participant's interest in the Company's pension replacement contributions, a non-union participants non-elective contributions funded prior to January 1, 2021, and a union participant's interest in the Company's discretionary matching contributions prior to February 1, 2022, and earnings thereon vests according to the following schedule:

Completed Years of Service	Percent Vested
1 year	25%
2 years	50%
3 years	75%
4 years	100%

Effective February 1, 2022, a union participant's interest in the Company's discretionary matching contributions and earnings thereon becomes 25% vested after a year of service, 75% vested after two years of service, and 100% vested after three years of service.

Forfeitures

Forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$63,898 and \$28,576 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future Company contributions or pay Plan expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2023, forfeitures used to pay plan expenses or fund employer contributions totaled \$147,372.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution or in installment payments depending on the size of the account balance. Participants can defer their distribution payment; however, a participant's distribution cannot be postponed if their vested account balance is \$5,000 or less as Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America ("Empower" or "Trustee") has been directed to distribute vested amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$1,000 to an Individual Retirement Account or Annuity and vested amounts less than \$1,000 be distributed as lump-sum distributions. Participants may also withdraw amounts from their accounts under certain hardship conditions as defined in the Plan document.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$750 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or fifty percent of their vested account balance under the Plan. The maximum number of notes available to any participant is one. Loan repayment periods are not to exceed five years, unless the loan is for the purchase of a participant's primary residence. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear a reasonable rate of interest as determined by the Plan Administrator based on the prevailing interest rates charged by persons in the business of lending money for loans which would be made under similar circumstances. The participant repays the loan and all related interest through payroll deductions.

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Notes are in arrears and delinquent when any payment is missed. If the note is not paid up to date by the end of the calendar quarter, after the calendar quarter in which a payment is first delinquent, the note will be in default. In that event, the entire outstanding note balance, consisting of the missed payments, remaining principal, and all accrued but unpaid interest, will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") as taxable income. If a note has not been fully repaid by the end of its term, the outstanding balance will be treated as a deemed distribution and will be reported to the IRS as taxable income.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are participant-directed accounts that are held by the Trustee. The Plan's investments are stated at fair value at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Investment income consists of dividends and interest income. The net appreciation of investments consists of realized gains or losses and unrealized appreciation on those investments. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported based on historical cost.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRC are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. There were no excess contributions payable as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Fees

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

Income Taxes

The Income Taxes Topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") requires the Plan Administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated events through October 14, 2024 the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Effective November 1, 2024, the Plan will be merged into the First Brands Group 401(k) Plan with Empower Trust Company as its trustee.

NOTE 3 – SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL DATA CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEES (UNAUDITED)

The following is a summary of the unaudited information regarding the Plan, included in the Plan's financial statements, which were prepared by the Trustees as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and furnished to the Plan Administrator.

The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the Trustees as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, that such information is complete and accurate:

	2023	2022
Investments, at fair value	\$ 80,634,575	\$ 76,913,037
Fully benefit-responsive investment contract, at contract value	\$ 13,048,015	\$ 14,360,516
Notes receivable from participants	\$ 1,108,351	\$ 1,563,027
Dividend and interest income	\$ 2,307,887	N/A
Interest on notes receivable from participants	\$ 81,381	N/A
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 12,878,534	N/A

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is a market-based measurement that is determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. As a basis for considering such assumptions, the Plan uses a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

- Level 1 – Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets;
- Level 2 – Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 – Unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

The classification of fair value measurements within the hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the measurement. Valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value are as follows:

- *Mutual funds*: Valued at the closing price reported on the active markets in which the individual securities are traded.
- *Pooled separate accounts*: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of a pooled separate account as reported by the contract issuer. The fair value of the underlying assets is used to determine the NAV of the funds. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. There are no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on this investment.
- *Common / Collective Trust fund*: Valued at the NAV of units of a collective trust as reported by the fund manager. The fair value of the underlying assets is used to determine the NAV of the funds. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. There are no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on this investment.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of the net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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

2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	\$ 76,426,421	\$ -	\$ -
Investments at fair value	\$ 76,426,421	\$ -	\$ -
* Investments measured at net asset value:			
Pooled separate accounts			375,886
Common/Collective Trust			3,832,268
Total investments at fair value			\$ 80,634,575

2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	\$ 72,654,222	\$ -	\$ -
Investments at fair value	\$ 72,654,222	\$ -	\$ -
* Investments measured at net asset value:			
Pooled separate accounts			666,108
Common/Collective Trust			3,592,707
Total investments at fair value			\$ 76,913,037

* Investments measured at fair value using net asset value per share (or an equivalent value) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table for such investments are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the investments at fair value line item presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 5 – INVESTMENT CONTRACT

The Plan holds a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Empower. The Trustee maintains the contributions in a general account and is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. A rate of interest contractually guaranteed by Empower is credited to participant account balances. This credit rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 1.50%. The credit rate is reviewed on a semi-annual basis for resetting.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Empower, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participants withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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

The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity rate.

NOTE 6 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for various investment options. These investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to the changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

NOTE 7 – PLAN TERMINATION

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

NOTE 8 – TAX STATUS

The Plan adopted a non-standardized pre-approved profit-sharing plan with cash of deferred arrangement provided by Empower. Empower received an opinion letter from the IRS, dated September 16, 2022, which states that the Plan document satisfies the provisions of Section 401 of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since the opinion letter, plan management believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance, in all material respects, with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

NOTE 9 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Trustee and the Plan incurs expenses for administrative services performed by the Trustee, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

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 SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
 EMPLOYER NO. 23-3000982
 PLAN NO. 003
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Participant Contributions
 Transferred Late to Plan

Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included : ☒	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
\$ 139,879	\$ -	\$ 139,879	\$ -	\$ -

CARDONE INDUSTRIES, INC.
401(K) SAFE HARBOR PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
EMPLOYER NO. 23-3000982
PLAN NO. 003
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value	
FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACT				
* Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America	Guaranteed Interest Fund	**	\$	13,048,015
MUTUAL FUNDS				
AB Large Cap Growth Fund Z	Mutual Fund	**		14,102,306
American Funds New World Fund R6	Mutual Fund	**		876,231
John Hancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap Fund R6	Mutual Fund	**		241,713
Natixis Loomis Sayles Cor Pl Bd N	Mutual Fund	**		5,538,320
MFS International Intrinsic Value Fund R6	Mutual Fund	**		1,129,290
Principal SmallCap Growth Fund I R-6	Mutual Fund	**		3,039,455
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Institutional	Mutual Fund	**		22,472,183
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund	**		899,220
Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund	**		872,758
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		943,479
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		1,071,623
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		4,449,634
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		2,119,075
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		2,506,224
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		579,455
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		2,143,159
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		459,806
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		563,800
Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		100,749
Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		4,952
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund Investor	Mutual Fund	**		370,428
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Inst	Mutual Fund	**		4,192,262
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Inst	Mutual Fund	**		7,750,299
TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS				76,426,421
POOLED SEPARATE ACCOUNTS				
* Columbia Dividend Value Fund	Pooled Separate Account	**		315,654
* Victory Fund Small Cap Value Fund	Pooled Separate Account	**		60,232
TOTAL POOLED SEPARATE ACCOUNTS				375,886
COMMON/COLLECTIVE TRUST				
MFS Mid Cap Growth CT Fund	Common Collective Trust Fund	**		3,832,268
* NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	Notes receivable with interest ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%	\$ -		1,108,351
				<u>\$ 94,790,941</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA.

** Information is not required for participant-directed investments pursuant to Form 5500 instructions.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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Cardone Industries, Inc. 401(k) Safe Harbor Plan

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
1VTINX			370,613.60	340,235.64
1VTWNX			1,044,121.54	943,478.89
1VTTVX			1,189,285.43	1,071,622.96
1VTHRXX			4,525,210.12	4,449,634.47
1VTTHX			2,285,197.52	2,119,074.59
1VFORX			2,462,557.74	2,506,223.59
1VTIVX			586,769.93	579,455.48
1VFIFX			1,974,284.35	2,143,159.05
1VFFVX			452,820.68	459,806.29
1VTTSX			515,809.45	563,800.15
1VLXVX			97,762.69	100,748.86
1VSVNX			4,696.83	4,951.70
1RNWGX			817,686.34	876,230.50
1MINJX			1,417,508.77	1,129,290.32
1VTSNX			8,110,455.81	7,750,298.59
1PCSMX			2,542,160.03	3,039,454.91
1VSMAX			839,969.18	872,758.43
1P0149A			52,658.99	60,231.99
1JVMRX			214,083.79	241,712.72
1VIMAX			843,576.59	899,219.85
1P0271A			3,003,899.05	3,832,267.57
1APGZX			10,803,252.23	14,102,306.34
1VINIX			19,527,416.39	22,472,182.91
1P0153A			258,135.87	315,654.35
1NERNX			6,020,537.42	5,538,319.78
1VBTIX			4,508,046.13	4,192,262.13
1P1185A			12,078,221.06	13,014,309.86
			86,546,737.53	93,618,691.92
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	4.250-9.500	1,103,546.38	1,108,351.37
FORFEITURES			62,048.92	63,898.11

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
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LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1VTINX Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv
 1VTTVX Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inv
 1VTTHX Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Inv
 1VTIVX Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Inv
 1VFFVX Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Inv
 1VLXVX Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Inv
 1RNWGX American Funds New World R6
 1VTSNX Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Instl
 1VSMAX Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm
 1JVMRX JHancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap R6
 1P0271A MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund CT
 1VINIX Vanguard Institutional Index Instl
 1NERNX Loomis Sayles Core Plus Bond N
 1P1185A Guaranteed Income Fund

1VTWNX Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Inv
 1VTHRX Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Inv
 1VFORX Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Inv
 1VFIFX Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Inv
 1VTTSX Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Inv
 1VSVNX Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Fund
 1MINJX MFS International Intrinsic Value R6
 1PCSMX Principal SmallCap Growth I R6
 1P0149A Small Cap Value / Victory Fund
 1VIMAX Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral
 1APGZX AB Large Cap Growth Z
 1P0153A Columbia Dividend Value (IS Platform)
 1VBTIX Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Inst

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year

CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year