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

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| Part II | Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1a      | Name of plan<br>HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1b      | Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1c      | Effective date of plan<br>07/01/2008                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2a      | Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br>HIGHTOWER HOLDING, LLC<br><br>200 WEST MADISON STREET<br>SUITE 2500<br>CHICAGO, IL 60606 |
| 2b      | Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>26-2270729                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2c      | Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br>312-962-3829                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2d      | Business code (see instructions)<br>523900                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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.

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/15/2024 | CELESTE RAWLINS                                              |
|           | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| SIGN HERE |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|           | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| SIGN HERE |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|           | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br><br><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>5</b> 1545                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . .....<br><b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <b>6a(1)</b> 1349<br><b>6a(2)</b> 1506<br><b>6b</b> 3<br><b>6c</b> 189<br><b>6d</b> 1698<br><b>6e</b> 2<br><b>6f</b> 1700<br><b>6g(1)</b> 1306<br><b>6g(2)</b> 1477<br><b>6h</b> 59 |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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

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

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

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
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**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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| <div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2023                                    |
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

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| A Name of plan<br>HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN                                          | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶<br>001              |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>HIGHTOWER HOLDING, LLC | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>26-2270729 |

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).

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

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

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s)                          | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 12 15 28 37<br>38 50 54 59<br>61 62 63 64<br>65 | RECORD KEEPER                                                                                     | 13902                                                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 33 71                  | SECURITIES BROKER                                                                                 | 0                                                                      | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                     | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES                                                 | 33 71                                                                                                                                                              | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation         | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
| DOUBLELINE<br>333 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE<br>18TH FLOOR<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90071 | REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)                                                                                                                        |                                           |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                     | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES                                                 | 33 71                                                                                                                                                              | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation         | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
| FEDERATED HERMES<br>P.O. BOX 219318<br>KANSAS CITY, MO 64121                | REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)                                                                                                                        |                                           |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                     | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES                                                 | 33 71                                                                                                                                                              | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation         | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
| INVESCO<br>11 GREENWAY PLAZA<br>SUITE 100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77046              | REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)                                                                                                                        |                                           |

**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<br>(see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect<br>compensation |
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| NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES                             | 33 71                                   | 0                                            |

| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any<br>formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility<br>for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
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| LOOMIS SAYLES<br>ONE FINANCIAL CENTER<br>BOSTON, MA 02111           | REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)                                                                                                                              |

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect<br>compensation |
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| NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES                             | 33 71                                   | 0                                            |

| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any<br>formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility<br>for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
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| MASS MUTUAL<br>1295 STATE STREET<br>SPRINGFIELD, MA 01111           | REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)                                                                                                                              |

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect<br>compensation |
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| NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES                             | 33 71                                   | 0                                            |

| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation     | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any<br>formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility<br>for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
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| THRIVENT<br>600 PORTLAND AVENUE S<br>SUITE 100<br>MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415 | REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)                                                                                                                              |

**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<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES                                             | 33 71                                                                                                                                                              | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation     | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
| WESTERN ASSET MGMT<br>385 EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD<br>PASADENA, CA 91101 | REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)                                                                                                                        |                                           |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                 | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation     | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                 | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

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

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

Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
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| <div>SCHEDULE D</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> |  | <div>DFE/Participating Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> |  | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>      |  |
| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                      |  |
| A Name of plan<br>HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                                                                 |  |
| C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>HIGHTOWER HOLDING, LLC                                                                                                      |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>26-2270729                                                 |  |
| Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)<br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                      |  |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RELIANCE/METLIFE STABLE 25157 CL 0                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                      |  |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): METLIFE                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                      |  |
| c EIN-PN 46-6625485-001                                                                                                                                                                      |  | d Entity code C                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0       |  |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RELIANCE/METLIFE STABLE 25053 CL 0                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                      |  |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): METLIFE                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                      |  |
| c EIN-PN 46-6625485-001                                                                                                                                                                      |  | d Entity code C                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5948817 |  |
| 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):                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                      |  |
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**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  
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| <div>SCHEDULE H</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Financial Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                      |
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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<br>HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN                                                    | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>HIGHTOWER HOLDING, LLC           | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>26-2270729 |     |

| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Asset and Liability Statement |                       |                 |
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| <b>1</b> 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. <b>Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.</b> MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions. |                               |                       |                 |
| Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1a</b>                     |                       |                 |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1b(1)</b>                  | 23095                 | 89347           |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1b(2)</b>                  | 40775                 | 94824           |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1b(3)</b>                  | 2293                  | 3910            |
| <b>c</b> General investments:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(1)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>1c(2)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1c(3)(A)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> All other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1c(3)(B)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1c(4)(A)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(4)(B)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1c(5)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(6)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>1c(7)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(8)</b>                  | 1072376               | 1309958         |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1c(9)</b>                  | 5830108               | 5948817         |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1c(10)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(11)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(12)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>1c(13)</b>                 | 100220236             | 144225195       |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(14)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(15)</b> Other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1c(15)</b>                 |                       |                 |

|                                                                           |              |                              |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                                   |              | <b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year | <b>(b)</b> End of Year |
| (1) Employer securities .....                                             | <b>1d(1)</b> |                              |                        |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                          | <b>1d(2)</b> |                              |                        |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....        | <b>1e</b>    |                              |                        |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....      | <b>1f</b>    | 107188883                    | 151672051              |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                        |              |                              |                        |
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b>    |                              |                        |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b>    |                              |                        |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b>    |                              |                        |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b>    |                              |                        |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b>    |                              |                        |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                                         |              |                              |                        |
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....                 | <b>1l</b>    | 107188883                    | 151672051              |

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

|                                                                                                            |                 |                   |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                                                                              |                 | <b>(a)</b> Amount | <b>(b)</b> Total |
| <b>a</b> Contributions:                                                                                    |                 |                   |                  |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....                                        | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 5967531           |                  |
| <b>(B)</b> Participants .....                                                                              | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 18604593          |                  |
| <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....                                                              | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 4797151           |                  |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    |                   |                  |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |                   | 29369275         |
| <b>b</b> Earnings on investments:                                                                          |                 |                   |                  |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |                   |                  |
| <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....       | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                        | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                         | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 75386             |                  |
| <b>(F)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                              | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |                   | 75386            |
| (2) Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....                                                            | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(B)</b> Common stock .....                                                                              | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                  | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 2613575           |                  |
| <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                  | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |                   | 2613575          |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |                   |                  |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....                                 | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                              | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                  | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |                   |                  |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate .....                         | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(B)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....         | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |                   |                  |

|                                                                                                 |        | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....                               | 2b(6)  |            | 168189    |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....                               | 2b(7)  |            |           |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....                       | 2b(8)  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....                             | 2b(9)  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | 2b(10) |            | 19423074  |
| c Other income .....                                                                            | 2c     |            |           |
| d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....               | 2d     |            | 51649499  |

**Expenses**

|                                                                                      |        |         |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |        |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....      | 2e(1)  | 7109993 |         |
| (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)  |         | 7109993 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | 2f     |         | 5554    |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | 2g     |         | 36882   |
| h Interest expense .....                                                             | 2h     |         |         |
| i Administrative expenses:                                                           |        |         |         |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....                                                    | 2i(1)  |         |         |
| (2) Contract administrator fees.....                                                 | 2i(2)  |         |         |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees.....                                                          | 2i(3)  | 13902   |         |
| (4) IQPA audit fees.....                                                             | 2i(4)  |         |         |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                         | 2i(5)  |         |         |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                               | 2i(6)  |         |         |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....                                                             | 2i(7)  |         |         |
| (8) Legal fees .....                                                                 | 2i(8)  |         |         |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....                                                   | 2i(9)  |         |         |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....                                           | 2i(10) |         |         |
| (11) Other expenses .....                                                            | 2i(11) |         |         |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....               | 2i(12) |         | 13902   |
| j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | 2j     |         | 7166331 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|                                                          |       |  |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|----------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d ..... | 2k    |  | 44483168 |
| 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: **DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP**

(2) EIN: **13-3891517**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes                                 | No                                  | Amount          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) .....                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>8295</b>     |
| <b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) ..... | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |
| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) .....                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) .....                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>10000000</b> |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) .....                                                                                                                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                 |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) .....                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....                                                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. ....                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                 |

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

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

| <b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s) | <b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s) | <b>5b(3)</b> PN(s) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                              |                     |                    |
|                              |                     |                    |
|                              |                     |                    |
|                              |                     |                    |

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

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

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| <div>SCHEDULE R<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div><div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div><div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div></div>                                                                                                                    |  | <div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> |  | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |     |
| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| A Name of plan<br>HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                                                                | 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>HIGHTOWER HOLDING, LLC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>26-2270729                                            |     |
| Part I Distributions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| 1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 1                                                                                               | 0   |
| 2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):<br>EIN(s): 13-3689044                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| 3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 3                                                                                               |     |
| Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| 4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| Part III Amendments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| 9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. .... <input type="checkbox"/> Increase <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> No         |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| 10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| 11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.) ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| 12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |     |
| For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707                                                           |     |

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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| <b>Part VI</b> | <b>Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans</b> |
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| <b>18</b> 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..... <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| <b>19</b> If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| <b>a</b> Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:<br>Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%<br>High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>b</b> Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:<br><input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 10-15 years <input type="checkbox"/> 15 years or more                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <b>20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.</b> If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <b>a</b> Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>b</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:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No. Other. Provide explanation: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |

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| <b>Part VII</b> | <b>IRS Compliance Questions</b> |
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| <b>21a</b> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                 |  |
| <b>21b</b> 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). |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design-based safe harbor method                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Prior year" ADP test                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Current year" ADP test                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>22</b> If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702459A</u> .                                         |  |

# Hightower 401(k) Plan

Employer ID No: 26-2270729

Plan Number: 001

Financial Statements as of December 31, 2023 and  
2022, and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023,  
Supplemental Schedules as of and for the  
Year Ended December 31, 2023, and  
Independent Auditor's Report

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of  
Hightower 401(k) Plan

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

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

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

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

### Opinion

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

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

## **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

#### **Other Matter — Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedules of assets (held at the year-end) as of December 31, 2023 and of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended 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 their form and content, are 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, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental 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).

*Deloitte & Touche LLP*

October 14, 2024

## HIGHTOWER 401(k) PLAN

### STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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|                                    | 2023                         | 2022                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ASSETS:                            |                              |                              |
| Investments—fair value             | <u>\$ 150,174,012</u>        | <u>\$ 106,050,344</u>        |
| Total investments                  | <u>150,174,012</u>           | <u>106,050,344</u>           |
| Receivables:                       |                              |                              |
| Notes receivable from participants | 1,309,958                    | 1,072,376                    |
| Employer contribution              | 1,097,247                    | 1,025,341                    |
| Participant contributions          | 94,824                       | 75,849                       |
| Other contributions                | <u>3,910</u>                 | <u>2,293</u>                 |
| Total receivables                  | <u>2,505,939</u>             | <u>2,175,859</u>             |
| Total assets                       | <u>152,679,951</u>           | <u>108,226,203</u>           |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  | <u><u>\$ 152,679,951</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 108,226,203</u></u> |

See notes to financial statements.

## HIGHTOWER 401(k) PLAN

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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#### ADDITIONS:

##### Contributions:

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Participant contributions       | \$ 18,569,520    |
| Rollover contributions          | 4,797,150        |
| Employer matching contributions | <u>5,973,185</u> |

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Total contributions | <u>29,339,855</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|

##### Investment income:

|                                               |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 19,591,263       |
| Dividends                                     | <u>2,613,575</u> |

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Net investment income | 22,204,838 |
|-----------------------|------------|

|                                                       |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | <u>75,386</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Total additions | <u>51,620,079</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|

#### DEDUCTIONS:

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Benefits paid to participants | (7,152,429)     |
| Administrative expenses       | <u>(13,902)</u> |

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Total deductions | <u>(7,166,331)</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS | 44,453,748 |
|------------------------|------------|

#### NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning of year | <u>108,226,203</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|

|             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| End of year | <u><u>\$ 152,679,951</u></u> |
|-------------|------------------------------|

See notes to financial statements.

# HIGHTOWER 401(k) PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022, AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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### 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Hightower 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s information.

**General**—The Plan is a defined contribution plan for the benefit of eligible employees of HighTower Holding, LLC (the “Company”) and any adopting participating employers. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

**Contributions**—Contributions to the Plan include (i) salary reduction contributions authorized by participants, (ii) matching contributions made by the Company, (iii) discretionary contributions made by the Company; and (iv) participant rollovers from another qualified plan. Participants also have the option to make Roth elective salary reduction contributions to the Plan.

Participants may elect to contribute a percentage of their compensation to the Plan each year, subject to the limitations, as defined in the plan document. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions; these additional contributions are ineligible for a Company matching contribution.

The Company makes a discretionary matching contribution to each participant’s account equal to 50% of the contributions up to a maximum of 6% of a participant’s compensation.

The Company may make discretionary non-elective contributions which are allocated in accordance with the plan document provisions. Participants must be employed on the last day of the plan year or have met the required hours of service to be eligible to receive discretionary non-elective contributions. For 2023, the Company did not authorize any such contributions.

Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limitations.

**Participant Accounts**—Individual accounts are maintained for each participant of the Plan. Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contribution and related matching and Company contributions and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are also charged with withdrawals and an allocation of Plan losses and administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

**Investments**—Participants may direct the investment of their contributions and/or account balances into various investment options offered by the Plan and may change investments and transfer amounts between investments daily.

**Vesting**—Participants are vested immediately in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company’s contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after four years of credited service.

| Service Years | Matching | Profit Sharing |
|---------------|----------|----------------|
| <1            | - %      | - %            |
| 1             | 25       | 25             |
| 2             | 50       | 50             |
| 3             | 75       | 75             |
| >4            | 100      | 100            |

**Notes Receivable from Participants**—Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of one-half of the vested account balance or \$50,000. The loans are secured by an assignment of a participant’s vested interest in the Plan, and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates at the time funds are borrowed as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions or as a lump sum for the outstanding loan balance. Loan terms range from 1 to 5 years; however, terms may exceed 5 years for the purchase of a primary residence. As of December 31, 2023, participant loans have maturities through 2050 at interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%.

**Payment of Benefits**—On termination of service with the Company (including termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement), a participant may generally elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant’s vested interest in his or her account; however, certain participants may elect to receive the benefit in installments or partial cash payments. The following distributions are allowed by the plan: (1) in-service, (2) rollover from qualified plan, (3) involuntary cash-outs and (4) hardship.

**Forfeited Accounts**—When certain terminations of participation in the Plan occur, the nonvested portion of the participant’s account, as defined by the Plan, represents a forfeiture. The plan document permits the use of forfeitures to either reduce future employer contributions or pay plan administrative expenses. However, if a participant is reemployed and fulfills certain requirements, as defined in the plan document, the account will be reinstated. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$84,437 and \$12,300, respectively. During 2023 employer contributions were reduced by \$32,495 from forfeited nonvested accounts.

## 2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Accounting**—The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

**Use of Estimates**—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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.

**Risks and Uncertainties**—The Plan provides various investment options to its participants. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, and overall market volatility. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain

investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the value of the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**—The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value of a financial instrument is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion on fair value measurements.

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

**Notes Receivable from Participants**—Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as distributions based on the terms of the plan document.

**Administrative Expenses**—Administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Plan or the Company, as provided in the Plan document. Participants pay administrative costs for loans, distributions and qualified domestic relation orders.

All investment management and transaction fees directly related to the Plan investments are paid by the Plan. Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, investment management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

**Contributions**—Participant contributions and the related employer matching contributions are recorded when withheld or earned, respectively.

**Excess Contributions Payable** — The Plan is required to return contributions received during the Plan year in excess of the IRC limits. There were no excess contributions due to participants as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

**Payment of Benefits**—Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution. There were no participants, who elected to withdraw from the Plan, but had not yet been paid at December 31, 2023.

**Subsequent Events**—Management has evaluated subsequent events for the Plan through October 14, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No events occurred that require additional disclosure or adjustments to the Plan's financial statements.

### 3. CERTIFIED INVESTMENT INFORMATION

The following is a summary of the information regarding the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedules that were prepared by or derived from information prepared by State Street Bank and Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan and furnished to the Plan administrator. The Plan administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee that such information is complete and accurate.

| Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits | 2023           | 2022           |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investments—at fair value                       | \$ 150,174,012 | \$ 106,050,344 |
| Notes receivable from participants              | 1,309,958      | 1,072,376      |

#### Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

|                                                          | 2023         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Dividends                                                | \$ 2,613,575 |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments            | 19,591,263   |
| Interest on notes receivable from participants certified | 75,386       |

Supplemental schedules: All investment balances and information included in the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year)

Note 4: All investment balances and investment information, excluding the level of investments in Note 4, Fair Value Measurements.

### 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides a framework for measuring fair value. Fair value of a financial instrument is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value, as follows: Level 1, which refers to securities valued using unadjusted quoted prices from active markets for identical assets; Level 2, which refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available; and Level 3, which refers to securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs. Assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

**Asset Valuation Techniques**—Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

**Mutual Funds**—Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

**Money Market Fund**—Money market funds are valued at the fair value of shares held by the Plan at year end based on quoted market prices.

**Stable Value Fund**—A collective trust fund that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts that is valued at the net asset value of units of the bank collective trust. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to require 12 months' notification in order to confirm that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner. The Fund has no restrictions with respect to redemptions and no unfunded commitments.

The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

|                                            | <b>Assets at Fair Values as of December 31, 2023</b> |                |                |                       |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
|                                            | <b>Level 1</b>                                       | <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b> | <b>Total</b>          |
| Mutual funds                               | <u>\$ 144,225,195</u>                                | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ 144,225,195</u> |
| Total                                      | <u>\$ 144,225,195</u>                                | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>    | 144,225,195           |
| Investments measured at NAV <sup>(a)</sup> |                                                      |                |                | <u>5,948,817</u>      |
| Total investments                          |                                                      |                |                | <u>\$ 150,174,012</u> |

|                                            | <b>Assets at Fair Values as of December 31, 2022</b> |                |                |                       |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
|                                            | <b>Level 1</b>                                       | <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b> | <b>Total</b>          |
| Mutual funds                               | <u>\$ 100,220,236</u>                                | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ 100,220,236</u> |
| Total                                      | <u>\$ 100,220,236</u>                                | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>    | 100,220,236           |
| Investments measured at NAV <sup>(a)</sup> |                                                      |                |                | <u>5,830,108</u>      |
| Total investments                          |                                                      |                |                | <u>\$ 106,050,344</u> |

<sup>(a)</sup> Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

## 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of a fund managed by the Trustee. The Plan also issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balances in the participants' accounts. Therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management and other administrative services amounted to \$13,902 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

## 6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event that the Plan is terminated, participants would become 100% vested in their accounts.

## 7. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the IRC. The Company and Plan management believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

## 8. NONEXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTION

The Company did not remit certain participant contributions and loan repayments to the Plan totaling \$1,073,855, \$1,370,750, and \$2,237 for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, on a timely basis as defined by the Department of Labor. The delinquent participant contributions resulted in prohibited transactions which are separately reported on Form 5500, Schedule H, Question 4a—Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions. The Company will file Form 5330 with the IRS and pay the required excise tax on the transactions. In addition, the third-party administrator will calculate lost earnings resulting from the delay in contributions and will credit participant accounts.

## 9. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

|                                                                | 2023                 | 2022                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements | \$152,679,951        | \$ 108,226,203        |
| Participant contributions receivable                           | -                    | (35,074)              |
| Employer contributions receivable                              | <u>(1,007,900)</u>   | <u>(1,002,246)</u>    |
| Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500            | <u>\$151,672,051</u> | <u>\$ 107,188,883</u> |

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the following is a reconciliation of contributions per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

|                                                       |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Total contributions per the financial statements      | \$ 29,339,855        |
| Less: current year employer contributions receivable  | (1,007,900)          |
| Plus: prior year employer contributions receivable    | 1,002,246            |
| Plus: prior year participant contributions receivable | <u>35,074</u>        |
| Total contributions per the Form 5500                 | <u>\$ 29,369,275</u> |

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## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

# HIGHTOWER 401(k) PLAN

Employer ID No: 26-2270729

Plan No: 001

## FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i—SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

| (a) (b) Identity of Issue, Borrower,<br>Lessor, or Similar Party | (c) Description of Investment,<br>Including Maturity Date,<br>Rate of Interest, Collateral,<br>and Par or Maturity Value | (d) Cost ** | (e) Current<br>Value  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| PIMCO Real Return Instl                                          | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | \$ 1,642,907          |
| T. Rowe Price Lrg Cp Gr I                                        | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 13,936,996            |
| American Funds American Balanced R6                              | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 4,180,031             |
| Vanguard LifeStrategy Growth                                     | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 6,036,688             |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2055                                     | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 1,496,020             |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2050                                     | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 7,793,025             |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2040                                     | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 4,957,444             |
| Vanguard Instl Index                                             | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 30,145,926            |
| Vanguard LifeStrategy Consv Gr                                   | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 473,677               |
| Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Gr                                | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 2,929,887             |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2025                                     | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 4,475,326             |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2035                                     | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 5,881,532             |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2045                                     | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 7,217,352             |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2060                                     | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 1,114,727             |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2065 Inv                                 | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 1,642,825             |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2030                                     | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 6,491,353             |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt Inc                                      | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 506,205               |
| Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2020                                     | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 939,662               |
| Federated Hermes MDT Sm cp Core IS                               | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 3,046,092             |
| Loomis Sayles Global Bond Instl                                  | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 503,613               |
| Lord Abbett Short Duration Inc R6                                | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 3,604,430             |
| American Century Small Cap Value R6                              | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 2,001,177             |
| Fidelity Real Estate Index                                       | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 1,810,567             |
| Thrivent Mid Cap Stock S                                         | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 2,465,445             |
| JHancock3 Disciplined Val Md cp R6                               | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 3,382,063             |
| * State Street Instl US Govt Money Market Premier                | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 167,460               |
| JPMorgan Equity Inc R6                                           | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 6,605,166             |
| JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth R6                                       | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 2,789,005             |
| American Funds Intl Vntg R6                                      | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 6,622,081             |
| Delaware Ivy Systematic Em Mkts Eq R6                            | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 4,481,434             |
| Voya Intermediate Bond R6                                        | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 2,097,486             |
| Fidelity Small Cap Index                                         | Mutual Fund                                                                                                              | **          | 2,787,593             |
| Reliance/MetLife Stable 25157 CI 0                               | Stable Value Fund                                                                                                        | **          | 5,948,817             |
|                                                                  |                                                                                                                          |             | 150,174,012           |
| * Various participants                                           | Participant loans (maturing through 2050 at interest rates of 4.25%–9.50%)* **                                           | N/A         | 1,309,958             |
|                                                                  |                                                                                                                          |             | <u>\$ 151,483,970</u> |

\* Party-in-interest.

\*\* Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and therefore is not included.

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

## HIGHTOWER 401(K) PLAN

Employer ID No: 26-2270729

Plan No: 001

### FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, QUESTION 4a—SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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|                                                                  | Total That Constitute Nonexempt<br>Prohibited Transactions |                                            |                                                   | Total Fully<br>Corrected<br>under VFCP<br>and PTE<br>2002-51 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                  | Contributions<br>Not<br>Corrected                          | Contributions<br>Corrected<br>Outside VFCP | Contributions<br>Pending<br>Correction<br>in VFCP |                                                              |
| <b>Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan</b>    |                                                            |                                            |                                                   |                                                              |
| Check here if late participant loan contributions are included X |                                                            |                                            |                                                   |                                                              |
| 2022 participant contribution transferred late to the Plan       | <u>\$ 1,073,855</u>                                        | <u>\$ -</u>                                | <u>\$ -</u>                                       | <u>\$ -</u>                                                  |
| 2021 participant contribution transferred late to the Plan       | <u>\$ 1,370,750</u>                                        | <u>\$ -</u>                                | <u>\$ -</u>                                       | <u>\$ -</u>                                                  |
| 2020 participant contribution transferred late to the Plan       | <u>\$ 2,237</u>                                            | <u>\$</u>                                  | <u>\$</u>                                         | <u>\$</u>                                                    |

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

## Schedule C, Line 2(h) Formula Descriptions

HighTower 401(k) Plan  
 EIN No.: 26-2270729, Plan No. 001  
 Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2023

Indirect Compensation in the form of revenue sharing was paid to the following Service Providers:

NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES 04-3523567

Revenue amounts are shown in annualized basis points of plan assets invested in applicable fund

| Fund Family        | Fund Name                             | Start Date | End Date   | Revenue to National Financial Services |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| DOUBLELINE         | DOUBLELINE CORE FIXED INCOME I        | 1/1/2023   | 1/11/2023  | 0.450                                  |
| FEDERATED HERMES   | FEDERATED HERMES MDT SM CAP CORE INST | 1/1/2023   | 12/31/2023 | 1.050                                  |
| INVESCO            | INVESCO DEVELOPING MARKETS Y          | 1/1/2023   | 11/15/2023 | 0.750                                  |
| LOOMIS SAYLES      | LOOMIS SAYLES GLOBAL BOND INSTL       | 1/1/2023   | 12/31/2023 | 0.600                                  |
| MASS MUTUAL        | MASSMUTUAL MID CAP GROWTH R5          | 1/1/2023   | 1/11/2023  | 0.450                                  |
| THRIVENT           | THRIVENT MID CAP STOCK S              | 1/1/2023   | 12/31/2023 | 0.360                                  |
| WESTERN ASSET MGMT | WESTERN ASSET CORE BD I               | 1/1/2023   | 11/15/2023 | 0.300                                  |

**HighTower 401(k) Plan**  
**EIN No.: 26-2270729, Plan No. 001**  
**Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets**  
**Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2023**

| (a) | (b)<br>Identity of Issuer, Borrower,<br>Lessor or Similar Party | (c)<br>Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date,<br>Rate of Interest, Par or Maturity Value | (d)<br>CURRENT VALUE  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|     | PIMCO                                                           | PIMCO Real Return Instl                                                                               | \$ 1,642,904          |
|     | T. Rowe Price                                                   | T. Rowe Price Lrg Cp Gr I                                                                             | \$ 13,936,996         |
|     | American Funds                                                  | American Funds American Balanced R6                                                                   | \$ 4,180,031          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard LifeStrategy Gr                                                                              | \$ 6,036,688          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2055                                                                          | \$ 1,496,020          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2050                                                                          | \$ 7,793,025          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2040                                                                          | \$ 4,957,445          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Instl Index                                                                                  | \$ 30,145,926         |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard LifeStrategy Consv Gr                                                                        | \$ 473,677            |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Gr                                                                     | \$ 2,929,887          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2025                                                                          | \$ 4,475,326          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2035                                                                          | \$ 5,881,532          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2045                                                                          | \$ 7,217,352          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2060                                                                          | \$ 1,114,727          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2065 Inv                                                                      | \$ 1,642,825          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2030                                                                          | \$ 6,491,353          |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt Inc                                                                           | \$ 506,205            |
|     | Vanguard                                                        | Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2020                                                                          | \$ 939,662            |
|     | Federated                                                       | Federated Hermes MDT Sm cp Core IS                                                                    | \$ 3,046,092          |
|     | JPMorgan                                                        | JPMorgan Mid Cap Gr R6                                                                                | \$ 2,789,005          |
|     | Loomis Sayles                                                   | Loomis Sayles Gbl Bd Instl                                                                            | \$ 503,613            |
|     | Lord Abbett                                                     | Lord Abbett Short Duration Inc R6                                                                     | \$ 3,604,430          |
|     | Voya                                                            | Voya Intermed Bd R6                                                                                   | \$ 2,097,486          |
|     | American Century                                                | American Century Small Cap Val R6                                                                     | \$ 2,001,177          |
|     | Fidelity                                                        | Fidelity Real Estate Index                                                                            | \$ 1,810,567          |
|     | Fidelity                                                        | Fidelity Small Cap Index                                                                              | \$ 2,787,593          |
|     | Thrivent                                                        | Thrivent Mid Cap Stock S                                                                              | \$ 2,465,445          |
|     | American Funds                                                  | American Funds Intl Vntg R6                                                                           | \$ 6,622,081          |
|     | Delaware                                                        | Delaware Ivy Systematic Em Mkts Eq R6                                                                 | \$ 4,481,438          |
|     | John Hancock                                                    | JHancock3 Disciplined Val Md cp R6                                                                    | \$ 3,382,063          |
|     | JPMorgan                                                        | JPMorgan Eq Inc R6                                                                                    | \$ 6,605,166          |
|     | State Street                                                    | State Street Instl US Govt Money Market Premier                                                       | \$ 167,460            |
|     |                                                                 | <b>Mutual Funds Total</b>                                                                             | <b>\$ 144,225,195</b> |
|     | Metlife                                                         | Reliance/MetLife Stable 25053 Cl 0                                                                    | \$ 5,948,817          |
|     |                                                                 | <b>Collective Trust Total</b>                                                                         | <b>\$ 5,948,817</b>   |
| *   | Participants                                                    | Notes Receivable with interest rates of 4.25% to 9.50%                                                | \$ 1,309,958          |
|     |                                                                 | <b>TOTAL PLAN ASSETS</b>                                                                              | <b>\$ 151,483,970</b> |

\* Indicates Party-In-Interest to the Plan