

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

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan PALA GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1989
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) PALA GROUP, INC. 16347 OLD HAMMOND HIGHWAY BATON ROUGE, LA 70816-1730
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0932277
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 225-272-5194
2d	Business code (see instructions) 237990

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2024	GAY K. YOUNG
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2024	GAY K. YOUNG
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 814
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 404 6a(2) 344 6b 10 6c 461 6d 815 6e 0 6f 815 6g(1) 703 6g(2) 733 6h 7
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

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

A Name of plan PALA GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PALA GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0932277

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY O

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	NONE	77392	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

ARGENT RETIREMENT PLAN ADVISORS

621 N ROBINSON STE 100
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73102

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	NONE	30000	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CROWE LLP

225 WEST WACKER DR STE 2600
CHICAGO, IL 60606-1224

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	NONE	8991	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	10000	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

HANNIS T. BOURGEOIS, LLP

2322 TREMONT DR
BATON ROUGE, LA 70809

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	NONE	11727	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28	NONE	9899	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CROWE LLP	13	10000

(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.
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY O 8515 EAST ORCHARD RD GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111 84-0467907	TPA ALLOWANCE PAYMENT

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

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

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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

A Name of plan <u>PALA GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PALA GROUP, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>72-0932277</u>
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2035

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN <u>38-4126263-000</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2384287</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2045

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN <u>38-4126265-000</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2560193</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2020

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN <u>38-4126260-000</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1106446</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2055

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN <u>38-4126267-000</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>459155</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>04-3159710-000</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>998990</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2030

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN <u>38-4126262-000</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>6374472</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2050

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN <u>38-4126266-000</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>685723</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2025

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN 38-4126261-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1912098
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2065

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN 38-7275308-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 87170
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2040

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN 38-4126264-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1534856
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2015

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN 38-4126259-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 483771
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREAT GRAY TRUST AMERICAN FUND 2060

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN 38-4126268-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 298681
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RELIANCE METLIFE SERIES 25053 CL 20

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): RELIANCE TRUST CT OR SVF

c EIN-PN 46-6624585-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 97519
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PALA GROUP, INC.		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0932277

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	465492	487459
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	15013642	18983361
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	3974772	5104504
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	19453906	24575324
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	19453906	24575324

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1332680	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	10393	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1343073
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	27870	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		27870
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(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)		3103906
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		4474849

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1047967	
(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)		1047967
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		4334
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	130956	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	1727	
(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)		132683
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1184984

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		3289865
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		1831553
(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: **HANNIS T. BOURGEOIS, LLP**

(2) EIN: **72-0636725**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	☒	☐	35558
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☐	

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

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

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

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

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

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan PALA GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PALA GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0932277	

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.....	10
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 84-1455663	
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3

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

Part III	Amendments	
9	If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No

Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes ☐ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes ☐ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes ☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☒ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702919A</u> .	

PALA GROUP, INC.
SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
DECEMBER 31, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Audit Committee
Pala Group, Inc. Savings Plan and Trust
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Pala Group Inc. Savings Plan & Trust (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 6 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 Pala Group Inc. Savings Plan & Trust 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 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 Matters-Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, as listed in the table of contents, 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 its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hannis J. Bourgeois, LLP

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 9, 2024

PALA GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>ASSETS</u>		
		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investments, at Fair Value:			
Registered Investment Companies	\$	5,104,504	\$ 3,974,772
Collective Trust Funds		17,886,852	14,049,845
Stable Value Fund		<u>1,096,509</u>	<u>963,797</u>
		24,087,865	18,988,414
 Receivables:			
Notes Receivable from Participants		<u>487,459</u>	<u>465,492</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$	<u><u>24,575,324</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,453,906</u></u>

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

PALA GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Net Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:

Investment Income:

Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 2,952,961
Interest and Dividends	150,945
	3,103,906

Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	27,870
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Contributions:

Participants	1,332,680
Rollovers	10,393
	1,343,073

Total Additions	4,474,849
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Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:

Benefits Paid to Participants	1,052,301
Administrative Expenses	132,683

Total Deductions	1,184,984
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Net Increase	3,289,865
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Net Assets Available for Benefits:

Beginning of Year	19,453,906
Transfers In - Plan Merger	1,831,553
End of Year	\$ 24,575,324

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

PALA GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Note 1 - Description of Plan -

The following description of Pala Group, Inc. Savings Plan and Trust (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Description of Plan

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Pala Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the Companies). Effective January 1, 2022, employees who have attained sixty days of service and twenty-one years of age are eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Management and the Board of Directors oversee governance of the Plan, determine the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitor investment performance.

On January 24, 2023, the ARCCO Company Services, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust merged into the Plan. See further discussion of the merger in note 8 of these financial statements.

Contributions

Unless the participant elects otherwise, the Companies automatically enroll eligible employees and withhold three percent of their compensation for each payroll period. Participants may elect to contribute a percentage of their annual compensation as defined in the Plan up to a maximum amount set by the Internal Revenue Service each year. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

The Companies may provide a matching contribution equal to a discretionary percentage of the elective deferrals and/or a discretionary profit-sharing contribution. There were no matching or profit sharing contributions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited or charged with the participant's contribution, the Companies' contributions (if any), the Plan's investment earnings or losses, and certain Plan administration costs not covered by the Companies. Allocations are based upon participant account balances, as defined by the Plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and the actual earnings on these contributions. Vesting in the Companies' matching and discretionary contributions is based on years of continuous service with a participant being 20% vested after two years of credited service and 100% vested after six years of credited service. Participants are automatically vested 100% upon death or permanent disability.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant or their beneficiaries may elect to receive either a lump sum payment or installment payments equal to the value of their vested account balance. In-service distributions are also permitted for participants who have attained age 59 ½.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$52 and \$58, respectively. Forfeitures may be used to pay administrative expenses and then to reduce employer contributions. During 2023, \$2,381 of Plan expenses were paid from forfeited nonvested accounts.

Note 2 - Summary of Accounting Policies -

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, all assets of the Plan are participant directed.

Investments held by a defined-contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would normally receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan had no fully benefit-responsive investment contracts.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and such differences may be material.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Management of the Plan Sponsor determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Plan trustees. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis of accounting. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments includes gains and losses on investments sold during the year as well as appreciation and depreciation of the investments held at the end of the year. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Contributions

Contributions from the Plan participants are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the plan administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan document. For the year ended December 31, 2023, included in Benefits Paid to Participants, are deemed distributions totaling \$23,548.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination of selected funds held by the trustee. These investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with these funds, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the funds will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan may be paid directly by the Companies and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net investment appreciation (depreciation). Fees for certain transactions, such as withdrawals, are charged directly to the account of the participant reporting such a transaction and are included in administrative expenses.

Reclassifications

Certain items in the 2022 financial statements may have been reclassified to conform to the presentation in the current year financial statements. Such reclassifications had no effect on previously reported net assets available for benefits.

Note 3 - Plan Termination -

Although they have not expressed any intent to do so, the Companies have the right under the Plan to discontinue their contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

Note 4 - Tax Status -

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Companies by a determination letter that the prototype used by the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), and is, therefore, not subject to tax under the present income tax law. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified and tax exempt.

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. With few exceptions, the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements -

The fair value measurement accounting literature provides a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels. Level 1 inputs to the valuation methodology are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access. Level 2 inputs are based primarily on quoted prices for similar assets in active or inactive markets and/or based on inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. Level 3 inputs are unobservable and are based on assumptions market participants would utilize in pricing the asset.

The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. The asset's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. When available, valuation techniques maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value at December 31, 2023 and 2022. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Level 1 - The fair value of the registered investment companies is based on quoted net asset values of the shares held by the Plan at year-end. The funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Registered Investment Companies	\$ 5,104,504	\$ -	\$ -
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value*			
			18,983,361
Total Investments at Fair Value			\$ 24,087,865

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Registered Investment Companies	\$ 3,974,772	\$ -	\$ -
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value*			
			15,013,642
Total Investments at Fair Value			\$ 18,988,414

* Certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (NAV) practical expedient of the fund have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits. This account, as directed by the trustee, files a form 5500 as a direct filing entity with the Department of Labor.

Gains and losses included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, are reported in Investment Income (Loss) as part of net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

The following tables summarize investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

December 31, 2023			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)
Putnam Stable Value Fund (a)	\$ 998,990	n/a	daily
MetLife Stable Value Fund (c)	97,519	n/a	daily
Great Gray Trust Funds (b)	17,886,852	n/a	daily
	\$18,983,361		

	December 31, 2022			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Putnam Stable Value Fund (a)	\$ 963,797	n/a	daily	none
Wilmington Trust American Funds (b)	14,049,845	n/a	daily	none
	<u>\$15,013,642</u>			

- (a) This fund invests in high - quality guaranteed investment contracts (GICs) and similar contracts issued by insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions. The fund also invests up to 75% of its assets in securities-backed investment contracts (SBICs) as well as 5% of its assets in high-quality money market instruments, cash, and cash equivalents. To earn additional income, the fund may lend securities to other financial institutions on a collateralized basis.
- (b) The objective of these funds is to provide long-term investors with an asset allocation strategy designed to maximize their retirement savings consistent with the projected retirement date associated with each fund. These funds were rebranded from Wilmington Trust to Great Gray Trust in 2023.
- (c) This fund's primary objective is to preserve principal while generating earnings at rates competitive over time with short-term high quality fixed income investments. The fund invests entirely in the MetLife Group Annuity Contract 25053 which consists of separately managed investment portfolios directed by Reliance Trust Company.

Note 6 - Information Prepared and Certified by the Trustees -

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and the supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified to as complete and accurate by the trustees, Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America.

	2023	2022
Investments at Fair Value:		
Registered Investment Companies	\$ 5,104,504	\$ 3,974,772
Collective Trust Funds	17,886,852	14,049,845
Stable Value Fund	1,096,509	963,797
	<u>\$ 24,087,865</u>	<u>\$ 18,988,414</u>
Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>\$ 487,459</u>	<u>\$ 465,492</u>
Net Investment Income	<u>\$ 3,103,906</u>	
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>\$ 27,870</u>	

Note 7 - Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions -

Certain plan investments are managed by Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America. Since these entities are the trustees as defined by the Plan, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation(depreciation) in the fair value of investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. The Companies, a related party, may also directly pay other fees related to the Plan's operations. All of these party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

Note 8 - Plan Merger -

Effective January 24,2023, the ARCCO Company Services, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust was merged into the Pala Group, Inc. Savings Plan and Trust. As a result of this merger, all assets, liabilities, and participant account balances from the ARCCO Company Services, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust were transferred to the Pala Group, Inc. Savings Plan and Trust. The merger was undertaken as the Plan Sponsor was acquired by Pala Group, Inc in 2021.

As of the date of the merger, the fair value of the transferred assets from the ARCCO Company Services, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust was \$1,831,553, and these assets were fully integrated into the investment options available under the Pala Group, Inc. Savings Plan and Trust. Participant account balances were transferred on a dollar-for-dollar basis, and there was no impact on participants' vested benefits.

In connection with the merger, all participant elections, including salary deferral elections and investment choices, were honored and continued under the Pala Group, Inc. Savings Plan and Trust.

The transfer and merger were in compliance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and the Internal Revenue Code, and did not result in any significant changes to the rights or benefits of participants in either plan.

Note 9 - Delinquent Participant Contributions and Loan Payments -

During the year ended December 31, 2023, participant contributions and loans payments of \$35,558 were withheld from participants' pay but were not timely remitted to the Plan in accordance with requirements of the Department of Labor. The contributions were remitted to the Plan upon discovery of the errors. The Plan Sponsor will compute lost earnings and file the required 5330 in 2024.

Note 10 - Subsequent Events -

Due to the sale of Smart Profitability Solutions, LLC by Pala Group, Inc. in November 2023, this subsidiary's participants left the plan in March 2024. All participant assets for Smart Profitability Solutions, LLC were transferred into a new plan.

The Plan evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through October 9, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

PALA GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT

EIN: 72-0932277 PN: 001

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Issuer	Investment Description	*Cost	Current Value
Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company, LLC	Stable Value Fund: Putnam Stable Value Fund		\$ 998,990
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	Reliance MetLife Series 25053 CL 20		97,519
			<u>1,096,509</u>
	Registered Investment Companies:		
American Funds	American Funds American Mutual R6		401,605
	American Funds Balanced R6		315,495
	American Funds Bond Fund R6		516,144
	American Funds Inflation Linked BD R6		123,380
Baird	Baird Mid Cap Instrument		31
DFA	DFA Commodity Strategy I		55,033
	DFA Real Estate Securities I		74,533
Franklin	Franklin Small Cap Value R6		245,365
John Hancock	JHancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap R6		302,028
JPMorgan	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6		1,239,026
MFS	MFS International Diversification R6		224,881
PIMCO	PIMCO Income Instl		116,960
Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral		536,104
	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Admiral		301,267
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral		180,484
	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Admiral		195,595
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm		276,573
			<u>5,104,504</u>
	Collective Trust Funds:		
Great Gray Trusts	Great Gray American Funds 2015 CL I		483,771
	Great Gray American Funds 2020 CL I		1,106,446
	Great Gray American Funds 2025 CL I		1,912,098
	Great Gray American Funds 2030 CL I		6,374,472
	Great Gray American Funds 2035 CL I		2,384,287
	Great Gray American Funds 2040 CL I		1,534,856
	Great Gray American Funds 2045 CL I		2,560,193
	Great Gray American Funds 2050 CL I		685,723
	Great Gray American Funds 2055 CL I		459,155
	Great Gray American Funds 2060 CL I		298,681
	Great Gray American Funds 2065 CL I		87,170
			<u>17,886,852</u>
** Plan Trustee	Notes Receivable from Participants (Interest Rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%)		487,459
	Total Assets Held for Investment		<u>\$ 24,575,324</u>

* Cost information omitted for participant directed investments.

** Indicates party in interest to the Plan.

See independent auditor's report.

PALA GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

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SCHEDULE H, Line 4A-SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	<u>Total that Constitute Non-exempt Prohibited Transactions</u>			
	Contributions not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
<u>\$ 35,558</u>	<u>\$ 35,558</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See independent auditor's report.

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

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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

- A** This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
- B** This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report
- ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
- D** Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program
- ☐ special extension (enter description) _____
- E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan Pala Group, Inc. Savings Plan and Trust	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
	1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1989
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) Pala Group, Inc. 16347 Old Hammond Highway Baton Rouge LA 70816-1730	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0932277
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 225-272-5194
	2d Business code (see instructions) 237990

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

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

SIGN HERE		10/11/2024	Gay K. Young
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		10/11/2024	Gay K. Young
	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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v. 2300728

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 814
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)..... g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)..... h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1) 404 6a(2) 344 6b 10 6c 461 6d 815 6e 0 6f 815 6g(1) 703 6g(2) 733 6h 7
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2J 2K 3D 2F 2G 2T 3H	

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

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

a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) ☐ DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ (5) ☐ MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____ (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)
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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 _____

PALA GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT

EIN: 72-0932277 PN: 001

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

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	American Funds Inflation Linked BD R6		123,380
Baird	Baird Mid Cap Instrument		31
DFA	DFA Commodity Strategy I		55,033
	DFA Real Estate Securities I		74,533
Franklin	Franklin Small Cap Value R6		245,365
John Hancock	JHancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap R6		302,028
JPMorgan	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6		1,239,026
MFS	MFS International Diversification R6		224,881
PIMCO	PIMCO Income Instl		116,960
Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral		536,104
	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Admiral		301,267
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral		180,484
	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Admiral		195,595
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm		276,573
			<u>5,104,504</u>
	Collective Trust Funds:		
Great Gray Trusts	Great Gray American Funds 2015 CL I		483,771
	Great Gray American Funds 2020 CL I		1,106,446
	Great Gray American Funds 2025 CL I		1,912,098
	Great Gray American Funds 2030 CL I		6,374,472
	Great Gray American Funds 2035 CL I		2,384,287
	Great Gray American Funds 2040 CL I		1,534,856
	Great Gray American Funds 2045 CL I		2,560,193
	Great Gray American Funds 2050 CL I		685,723
	Great Gray American Funds 2055 CL I		459,155
	Great Gray American Funds 2060 CL I		298,681
	Great Gray American Funds 2065 CL I		87,170
			<u>17,886,852</u>
** Plan Trustee	Notes Receivable from Participants (Interest Rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%)		487,459
	Total Assets Held for Investment		<u>\$ 24,575,324</u>

* Cost information omitted for participant directed investments.

** Indicates party in interest to the Plan.

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SCHEDULE H, Line 4A-SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

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Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	<u>Total that Constitute Non-exempt Prohibited Transactions</u>			
	Contributions not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
<u>\$ 35,558</u>	<u>\$ 35,558</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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