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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>BUCKLE 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1b      | Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1c      | Effective date of plan<br>02/01/1986                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 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>THE BUCKLE, INC.<br><br>PO BOX 1480<br>KEARNEY, NE 68848 |
| 2b      | Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>47-0366193                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2c      | Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br>308-236-8491                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2d      | Business code (see instructions)<br>448140                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**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 | THOMAS HEACOCK                                               |
|           | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/15/2024 | THOMAS HEACOCK                                               |
|           | 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> 3358                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <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> <b>6a(1)</b> 2672<br><b>6a(2)</b> 2631<br><b>6b</b> 0<br><b>6c</b> 693<br><b>6d</b> 3324<br><b>6e</b> 0<br><b>6f</b> 3324<br><b>6g(1)</b> 3014<br><b>6g(2)</b> 3295<br><b>6h</b> 344 |
| <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 2S 2T 3D 3H

**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 0
- (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 |                                                      |     |
| A Name of plan<br>BUCKLE 401(K) PLAN                                                       | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 001 |
|                                                                                            |                                                      |     |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>THE BUCKLE, INC.                 | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>47-0366193 |     |

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| Part I | Service Provider Information (see instructions) |
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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).

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| (b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY                                                                           |
| 42-0127290                                                                                                 |

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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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| 13 37 50 64            | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR                                                                            | 212669                                                                 | 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)

CAPFINANCIAL PARTNERS

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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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| 27 50 52               | INVESTMENT ADVISORY                                                                               | 137367                                                                 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                            | 137367                                                                                                                                                                          | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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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| CAPFINANCIAL PARTNERS                                               | 27 50 52                                                                                                                                                           | 137367                                    |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY<br><br>42-0127290                  | INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES                                                                                                                                           |                                           |

| (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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| (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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**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)

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

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| <b>SCHEDULE D</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | <b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2023</div><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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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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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>BUCKLE 401(K) PLAN</b>                                              | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>►</b>                     | <b>001</b> |
| <b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>THE BUCKLE, INC.</b> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>47-0366193</b> |            |

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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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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND (15)</b>      |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>PUTNAM FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</b>  |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>04-3159710-202</b>                                                    | <b>d</b> Entity code <b>C</b> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>3070157</b> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>NT COLL AGG BD IDX FD - NL T4</b>      |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>NORTHERN TRUST</b>                  |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>45-6138589-088</b>                                                    | <b>d</b> Entity code <b>C</b> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>767545</b>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>NT COL S&amp;P 500 IDX FD DC NL T4</b> |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>NORTHERN TRUST</b>                  |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>45-6138589-002</b>                                                    | <b>d</b> Entity code <b>C</b> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>8826112</b> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>NT COL EXT D EQ MKT IDX DC NL 4</b>    |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>NORTHERN TRUST</b>                  |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>45-6138589-110</b>                                                    | <b>d</b> Entity code <b>C</b> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>1831829</b> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>NT COL ACWI XUS I MT IX DCNL 4</b>     |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>NORTHERN TRUST</b>                  |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>45-6138589-223</b>                                                    | <b>d</b> Entity code <b>C</b> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>1816309</b> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>T ROWE PR RET 2005 CL J</b>            |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</b>     |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>61-6434302-001</b>                                                    | <b>d</b> Entity code <b>C</b> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>50998</b>   |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>T ROWE PR RET 2010 TR CL J</b>         |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</b>     |                               |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>32-6199795-001</b>                                                    | <b>d</b> Entity code <b>C</b> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>19946</b>   |

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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2015 TR CL J     |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6941654-001                                                | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 58038    |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2020 TR CL J     |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 36-7594871-001                                                | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 833157   |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2025 TR CL J     |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 37-6495447-001                                                | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4297609  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2030 TR CL J     |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-7010946-001                                                | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 19058512 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2035 TR CL J     |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 36-7595013-001                                                | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14039851 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2040 TR CL J     |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6941729-001                                                | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 12981932 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2045 TR CL J     |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 32-6199848-001                                                | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15108997 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2050 TR CL J     |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 30-6303214-001                                                | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 21289590 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2055 TR CL J     |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6941728-001                                                | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15627599 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2060 TR CL J     |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY |                        |                                                                                                              |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-1088316-001                                                | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9955556  |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET 2065 TR CL J

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 85-1763138-001 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1286335 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GREATGRAY EURO GROWTH CT

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-7289843-001 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2429654 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HARBOR CAPITAL APPREC CIT CL R

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): HARBOR TRUST COMPANY, INC.

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 84-4022934-001 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7465453 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN | <b>d</b> Entity code | <b>e</b> 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):

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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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**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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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | 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 |                                         |                                                             |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br>BUCKLE 401(K) PLAN                                                | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 001                                                         |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>THE BUCKLE, INC.          |                                         |                                                             |
|                                                                                            |                                         | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>47-0366193 |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Asset and Liability Statement</b> |
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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 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <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>    | 2635953               | 2726320         |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....                                                         | <b>1b(2)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....                                                                             | <b>1b(3)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <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>    | 1449451               | 1773715         |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                     | <b>1c(9)</b>    | 106943909             | 140815179       |
| <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>   | 19925417              | 14283314        |
| <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>   |                       |                 |

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| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                                   |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| (1) Employer securities .....                                             | <b>1d(1)</b> | 17733685              | 18679001        |
| (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>    | 148688415             | 178277529       |
| <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>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                                         |              |                       |                 |
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....                 | <b>1l</b>    | 148688415             | 178277529       |

**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.

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| <b>Income</b>                                                                                              |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
| <b>a</b> Contributions:                                                                                    |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers .....                                               | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 2726335    |           |
| (B) Participants .....                                                                                     | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 8398035    |           |
| (C) Others (including rollovers) .....                                                                     | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 419759     |           |
| (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>    |            | 11544129  |
| <b>b</b> Earnings on investments:                                                                          |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |            |           |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....              | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) U.S. Government securities .....                                                                       | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                       | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                               | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |            |           |
| (E) Participant loans .....                                                                                | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 100953     |           |
| (F) Other .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> | 112719     |           |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                                     | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 213672    |
| (2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock .....                                                                   | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) Common stock .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> | 1586323    |           |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                         | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 276446     |           |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                         | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 1862769   |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            |           |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds .....                                        | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> | 3052346    |           |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                                     | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> | 3602831    |           |
| (C) Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                         | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            | -550485   |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate .....                                | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) Other .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> | 1280288    |           |
| (C) 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)  |            | 23502148  |
| (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) |            | 1700459   |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....                                                                     | 2c     |            | 14762     |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....        | 2d     |            | 39567742  |

**Expenses**

|                                                                                             |        |         |         |
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| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |        |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....             | 2e(1)  | 9628074 |         |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....                                | 2e(2)  |         |         |
| (3) Other .....                                                                             | 2e(3)  | 143     |         |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....                 | 2e(4)  |         | 9628217 |
| <b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | 2f     |         | 375     |
| <b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | 2g     |         |         |
| <b>h</b> Interest expense .....                                                             | 2h     |         |         |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses:                                                           |        |         |         |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....                                                           | 2i(1)  |         |         |
| (2) Contract administrator fees.....                                                        | 2i(2)  | 212669  |         |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees.....                                                                 | 2i(3)  |         |         |
| (4) IQPA audit fees.....                                                                    | 2i(4)  |         |         |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                                | 2i(5)  | 137367  |         |
| (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 <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....        | 2i(12) |         | 350036  |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | 2j     |         | 9978628 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|----------|
| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | 2k    |  | 29589114 |
| <b>l</b> 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  |
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| <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"/> |         |
| <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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | 1000000 |
| <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 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 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 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"/> |                                     |         |
| <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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     | <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 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. ....                                                                                                                         |                                     |                                     |         |

**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) |
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**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>BUCKLE 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                                                            |  |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>THE BUCKLE, INC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>47-0366193                                            |  |
| 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): 42-0127290                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |  |
| Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |  |
| 3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 3                                                                                               |  |
| Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |  |
| 4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                 |  |
| 11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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>Q702474A</u> .                                         |  |

# Buckle 401(k) Plan

Employer ID No: 47-0366193  
Plan Number: 001

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

# BUCKLE 401(k) PLAN

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Participants and Plan Administrator of Buckle 401(k) Plan

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Buckle 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### 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 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.

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

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.

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.

### **Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of Assets (held at year-end) as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the 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 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, 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 information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

*Deloitte + Touche LLP*

October 15, 2024

**BUCKLE 401(k) PLAN****STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

|                                                | <u>December 31,</u><br><u>2023</u> | <u>December 31,</u><br><u>2022</u> |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ASSETS:                                        |                                    |                                    |
| Participant directed investments at fair value | \$ 173,777,494                     | \$ 144,603,011                     |
| Receivables:                                   |                                    |                                    |
| Notes receivable from participants             | 1,773,715                          | 1,449,451                          |
| Employer contributions                         | <u>2,726,320</u>                   | <u>2,635,953</u>                   |
| Total receivables                              | <u>4,500,035</u>                   | <u>4,085,404</u>                   |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS              | <u>\$ 178,277,529</u>              | <u>\$ 148,688,415</u>              |

See notes to financial statements.

**BUCKLE 401(k) PLAN****STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

|                                                              | <u>December 31,<br/>2023</u> | <u>December 31,<br/>2022</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ADDITIONS:                                                   |                              |                              |
| Investment income (loss):                                    |                              |                              |
| Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments | \$ 25,947,172                | \$ (27,697,174)              |
| Interest and dividends                                       | 1,975,488                    | 126,250                      |
| Net investment income (loss)                                 | <u>27,922,660</u>            | <u>(27,570,924)</u>          |
| Contributions:                                               |                              |                              |
| Participant contributions                                    | 8,817,794                    | 8,393,859                    |
| Employer contributions                                       | 2,726,335                    | 2,636,624                    |
| Total contributions                                          | <u>11,544,129</u>            | <u>11,030,483</u>            |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants        | <u>100,953</u>               | <u>74,377</u>                |
| DEDUCTIONS:                                                  |                              |                              |
| Benefits paid to participants                                | 9,628,592                    | 10,871,106                   |
| Administrative expenses                                      | 350,036                      | 301,674                      |
| Total deductions                                             | <u>9,978,628</u>             | <u>11,172,780</u>            |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS                            | 29,589,114                   | (27,638,844)                 |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:                           |                              |                              |
| Beginning of year                                            | <u>148,688,415</u>           | <u>176,327,259</u>           |
| End of year                                                  | <u>\$ 178,277,529</u>        | <u>\$ 148,688,415</u>        |

See notes to financial statements.

## BUCKLE 401(k) PLAN

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022, AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Buckle 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan provisions.

**General** - Established effective February 1, 1986, the Plan is a defined contribution plan covering, with certain specified exclusions, all employees working 1,000 hours or more per year who have one year of service and are at least age twenty. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as amended. The Plan administrator is The Buckle, Inc. (the “Company”).

As of June 3, 2022, the Plan transitioned to a new recordkeeper and trustee. The Plan recordkeeper is Principal Financial Group (“Principal”) and the Plan trustee is Principal Trust Company. Participant investment options in the Plan were valued as of June 3, 2022 and transitioned to the same investment options with the new trustee, with the exception of the SAGIC Stable Value Fund which transitioned to the Putnam Stable Value Fund. As part of the Plan transition, the Plan adopted Principal's preapproved ESOP/KSOP plan document.

**Contributions** - Participants may contribute from 1% to 75% of their eligible pay, as defined under the Plan. The Plan provides for the automatic enrollment of eligible participants at a deferral rate of 3% of eligible pay, unless the participant affirmatively elects otherwise. The Plan also provides for an automatic 1% annual increase in the deferral rate (up to a maximum deferral of 10% of eligible pay) for all participants who have been automatically enrolled in the Plan, unless the participant affirmatively elects otherwise. Participants are allowed to designate all or a portion of their contributions as Roth contributions. The Company may contribute to the Plan at its discretion. In fiscal 2023 and 2022, the Company contributed 50% of employees’ contributions on deferrals up to 6% of their eligible pay. The Company contributions to the Plan were \$2,726,335 for the year ended December 31, 2023 and \$2,636,624 for the year ended December 31, 2022. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) limitations.

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

**Investments** - Participants direct the investment of all contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

**Vesting** - Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. The Company’s discretionary contributions vest over a six-year period, which is as follows:

| <b>Years of Service</b> | <b>Percent Vested</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Less than two           | 0 %                   |
| Two                     | 20 %                  |
| Three                   | 40 %                  |
| Four                    | 60 %                  |
| Five                    | 80 %                  |
| Six or more             | 100 %                 |

**Notes Receivable from Participants** - Participants may borrow from their individual accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years or up to ten years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate established quarterly by the Plan administrator based on the published prime rate plus 1%. At December 31, 2023, participant loans have various maturities through May 2032 at interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through bi-weekly payroll deductions.

**Payment of Benefits** - On termination of service, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of their vested account, or may elect to receive his or her vested account balance through installment distributions over a specified period. Participants are also eligible to make hardship withdrawals from their deferred contributions in the event of certain financial hardships.

**Forfeited Accounts** - At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested account balances were \$250,697 and \$479,203, respectively. Forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested account balances are utilized to offset the Company's discretionary matching contributions made during the plan year and to pay certain administrative expenses for the Plan. The amount utilized to fund a portion of the Company's matching contribution was \$125,000 for fiscal 2023 and \$100,000 for fiscal 2022.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements of the Plan are 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 utilizes various investment instruments, including mutual funds, common/collective investment trusts, and common stock. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. 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 changes could materially affect 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. Shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Common/collective trusts ("CCTs") are valued at the NAV per share, which is based on the fair value of the underlying net assets. Buckle common stock is valued at the quoted market price as of the last trading day of the Plan year.

Shares in the Putnam Stable Value Fund are valued at NAV, which is based on the fair value of the underlying investments as determined by Putnam. The Putnam Stable Value Fund invests in a diversified portfolio including cash alternatives, traditional guaranteed investment contracts, and wrapped actively managed strategies which seeks to preserve principal and achieve high current income. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment in the Putnam Stable Value Fund at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made to the fund, plus credited earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

The net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments is based on the fair value of the investments at the beginning of the year or cost, if purchased during the year. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains or losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year. Prior to the conversion to Principal, net appreciation also

included dividends received from The Buckle, Inc., which impacted the per unit value of The Buckle Stock Fund. Post conversion, dividends received from The Buckle, Inc. are included in interest and dividends.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in registered investment companies are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

**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 Agreement.

**Administrative Expenses** - Administrative expenses are paid by either the Company or the Plan, in accordance with the terms of the Plan Agreement.

**Payment of Benefits** - Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution. There were no amounts allocated to accounts of persons who have elected to withdraw from the Plan, but have not yet been paid, as of December 31, 2023 or December 31, 2022.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements** - The Plan has considered all recent accounting pronouncements and concluded that there are no recent accounting pronouncements that may have a material impact on the Plan's financial statements, based on current information.

### 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, 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, 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.

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

**Common stock** - Buckle common stock is valued at the quoted market price as of the last trading day of the Plan year and is categorized as Level 1.

**Mutual funds** - Shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted prices that represent the NAV of shares held on the last day of the plan year and are categorized as Level 1. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

**Common/collective trusts** - CCTs are public investment vehicles valued using a NAV provided by the manager of each fund. The NAV is based on the underlying net assets owned by the fund divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV's unit price is quoted on a private market that is not active. However, the NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying securities within the fund, which are traded on an active market and valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which those individual securities are traded. These investments are priced daily and have no redemption restrictions.

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 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

| As of December 31, 2023              |                                                        |                                            |                                                    |                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
|                                      | Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical Assets<br>(Level 1) | Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total          |
| Common stock                         | \$ 18,679,001                                          | \$ —                                       | \$ —                                               | \$ 18,679,001  |
| Mutual funds                         | 14,283,314                                             | —                                          | —                                                  | 14,283,314     |
| Total assets in fair value hierarchy | \$ 32,962,315                                          | \$ —                                       | \$ —                                               | \$ 32,962,315  |
| Investments at net asset value:      |                                                        |                                            |                                                    |                |
| Common/collective trusts             |                                                        |                                            |                                                    | 140,815,179    |
| Investments at fair value            |                                                        |                                            |                                                    | \$ 173,777,494 |

| As of December 31, 2022              |                                                        |                                            |                                                    |                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
|                                      | Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical Assets<br>(Level 1) | Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total          |
| Common stock                         | \$ 17,733,685                                          | \$ —                                       | \$ —                                               | \$ 17,733,685  |
| Mutual funds                         | 19,925,417                                             | —                                          | —                                                  | 19,925,417     |
| Total assets in fair value hierarchy | \$ 37,659,102                                          | \$ —                                       | \$ —                                               | \$ 37,659,102  |
| Investments at net asset value:      |                                                        |                                            |                                                    |                |
| Common/collective trusts             |                                                        |                                            |                                                    | 106,943,909    |
| Investments at fair value            |                                                        |                                            |                                                    | \$ 144,603,011 |

**Transfers Between Levels** - The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period.

Plan management evaluates the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers between levels.

#### 4. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020 indicating that the preapproved ESOP/KSOP plan adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan's management believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income tax has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires 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 IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

The Plan's management is aware of certain operating or administrative issues that, if not corrected, could affect the tax qualified status of the Plan and its related trust and is in the process of correcting the matters identified. Accordingly, Plan management believes the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC to maintain its tax-exempt status. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

## **5. PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts. The Company may direct the trustee either to distribute the Plan's assets to the participants or to continue the trust and distribute benefits as though the Plan had not been terminated.

## **6. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Plan investments include The Buckle Stock Fund, which is invested in the stock of The Buckle, Inc., the Plan sponsor, and, therefore, these investments and actual transactions qualify as party-in-interest. The Plan held 393,077 shares of The Buckle, Inc. common stock at December 31, 2023 and 391,040 shares at December 31, 2022, which had a cost basis of \$6,975,212 and \$5,038,724, respectively. Dividend income received by the Plan from its investment in the stock of The Buckle, Inc. was \$1,586,323 for the year ended December 31, 2023 and \$415,965 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Principal serves as recordkeeper for the Plan and manages certain Plan investments. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest.

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## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**BUCKLE 401(k) PLAN**  
**EMPLOYER ID NO: 47-0366193**  
**PLAN NO: 001**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

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

| Column B<br><br>Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party       | Column C<br><br>Description of Investment:<br>Including Maturity Date, Rate of<br>Interest, Collateral, and Par or<br>Maturity Value | Column E<br><br>Current Value |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * The Buckle, Inc. - The Buckle Stock Fund                                   | 393,077 shares                                                                                                                       | \$ 18,679,001                 |
| Stable Value Fund - Putnam Stable Value Fund                                 | 3,254,033 shares                                                                                                                     | 3,070,157                     |
| Bond Fund:                                                                   |                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund                                     | 507,808 shares                                                                                                                       | 4,377,301                     |
| Northern Trust Collective Aggregate Bond Index Fund                          | 7,251 shares                                                                                                                         | 767,545                       |
| Large Value Fund - John Hancock Disciplined Value Fund                       | 141,953 shares                                                                                                                       | 3,154,199                     |
| Large Blend Fund - Northern Trust Collective S&P 500 Index Fund              | 40,922 shares                                                                                                                        | 8,826,112                     |
| Large Growth Fund - Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund                         | 548,527 shares                                                                                                                       | 7,465,453                     |
| Mid-Cap Value Fund - JP Morgan Mid Cap Value Fund                            | 73,656 shares                                                                                                                        | 2,647,210                     |
| Mid-Cap Blend Fund - Northern Trust Collective Extended Market<br>Index Fund | 10,750 shares                                                                                                                        | 1,831,829                     |
| Mid-Cap Growth Fund - Mass Mutual Mid Cap Growth Fund                        | 113,158 shares                                                                                                                       | 2,188,467                     |
| Small Value Fund - MFS New Discovery Value Fund                              | 87,959 shares                                                                                                                        | 1,561,280                     |
| * Small Growth Fund - Principal Small Cap Growth Fund                        | 25,167 shares                                                                                                                        | 354,857                       |
| Foreign Fund:                                                                |                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| Great Gray EuroPacific Growth Fund                                           | 210,542 shares                                                                                                                       | 2,429,654                     |
| Northern Trust Collective MSCI ACWI ex-US IMI Index Fund                     | 12,726 shares                                                                                                                        | 1,816,309                     |
| Lifecycle Fund:                                                              |                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| T. Rowe Price 2005 Collective Investment Trust                               | 2,609 shares                                                                                                                         | 50,998                        |
| T. Rowe Price 2010 Collective Investment Trust                               | 960 shares                                                                                                                           | 19,946                        |
| T. Rowe Price 2015 Collective Investment Trust                               | 2,564 shares                                                                                                                         | 58,038                        |
| T. Rowe Price 2020 Collective Investment Trust                               | 33,965 shares                                                                                                                        | 833,157                       |
| T. Rowe Price 2025 Collective Investment Trust                               | 161,201 shares                                                                                                                       | 4,297,609                     |
| T. Rowe Price 2030 Collective Investment Trust                               | 661,295 shares                                                                                                                       | 19,058,512                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2035 Collective Investment Trust                               | 456,432 shares                                                                                                                       | 14,039,851                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2040 Collective Investment Trust                               | 401,917 shares                                                                                                                       | 12,981,932                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2045 Collective Investment Trust                               | 456,603 shares                                                                                                                       | 15,108,997                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2050 Collective Investment Trust                               | 642,414 shares                                                                                                                       | 21,289,590                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2055 Collective Investment Trust                               | 472,418 shares                                                                                                                       | 15,627,599                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2060 Collective Investment Trust                               | 469,602 shares                                                                                                                       | 9,955,556                     |
| T. Rowe Price 2065 Collective Investment Trust                               | 97,597 shares                                                                                                                        | 1,286,335                     |
| * Participant Loans                                                          | Maturities through May 2032; interest<br>rates of 4.25% - 9.50%                                                                      | 1,773,715                     |
|                                                                              |                                                                                                                                      | \$ 175,551,209                |

\* Party-in-interest.

See accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

**BUCKLE 401(k) PLAN**  
**EMPLOYER ID NO: 47-0366193**  
**PLAN NO: 001**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

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

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * The Buckle, Inc. - The Buckle Stock Fund                                   | 393,077 shares                                                                                                                       | \$ 18,679,001                 |
| Stable Value Fund - Putnam Stable Value Fund                                 | 3,254,033 shares                                                                                                                     | 3,070,157                     |
| Bond Fund:                                                                   |                                                                                                                                      |                               |
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| T. Rowe Price 2010 Collective Investment Trust                               | 960 shares                                                                                                                           | 19,946                        |
| T. Rowe Price 2015 Collective Investment Trust                               | 2,564 shares                                                                                                                         | 58,038                        |
| T. Rowe Price 2020 Collective Investment Trust                               | 33,965 shares                                                                                                                        | 833,157                       |
| T. Rowe Price 2025 Collective Investment Trust                               | 161,201 shares                                                                                                                       | 4,297,609                     |
| T. Rowe Price 2030 Collective Investment Trust                               | 661,295 shares                                                                                                                       | 19,058,512                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2035 Collective Investment Trust                               | 456,432 shares                                                                                                                       | 14,039,851                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2040 Collective Investment Trust                               | 401,917 shares                                                                                                                       | 12,981,932                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2045 Collective Investment Trust                               | 456,603 shares                                                                                                                       | 15,108,997                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2050 Collective Investment Trust                               | 642,414 shares                                                                                                                       | 21,289,590                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2055 Collective Investment Trust                               | 472,418 shares                                                                                                                       | 15,627,599                    |
| T. Rowe Price 2060 Collective Investment Trust                               | 469,602 shares                                                                                                                       | 9,955,556                     |
| T. Rowe Price 2065 Collective Investment Trust                               | 97,597 shares                                                                                                                        | 1,286,335                     |
| * Participant Loans                                                          | Maturities through May 2032; interest<br>rates of 4.25% - 9.50%                                                                      | 1,773,715                     |
|                                                                              |                                                                                                                                      | \$ 175,551,209                |

\* Party-in-interest.

See accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.