

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

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2014
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) LOWER, LLC000000000 8621 ROBERT FULTON DR SUITE 150 COLUMBIA, MD 21046-2637
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-3689142
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 443-741-8149
2d	Business code (see instructions) 522292

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

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

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

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 1615
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1) 1044 6a(2) 726 6b 0 6c 812 6d 1538 6e 0 6f 1538 6g(1) 944 6g(2) 1357 6h 392
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7

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

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)** ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)** ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached 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 1
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A Name of plan LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LOWER, LLC000000000	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-3689142

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	462758	1538	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 2529	(b) Total amount of fees paid 0
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
WELLS FARGO ADVISORS INS AGENCY LLC
SBIA WACHOVIA PROCESSING
13700 REIMER DR N STE 200
MAPLE GROVE, MN 55311-4598

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
2529	0		3

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	0
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	1046628

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year**7b****c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

▶

(6) Total additions.....

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

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

▶

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)**7f****0**

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LOWER, LLC000000000	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-3689142	

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).

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

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

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	208879	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES LLC

34-1542819

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
49 99	OTHER SERVICES	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	13890	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS INS AGENCY LLC

54-0910269

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
49 55	OTHER SERVICES	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	45777	Yes ☐ No ☒

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES LLC	49 99	13890

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
WELLS FARGO ADVISORS INS AGENCY LLC	49 55	45777

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	COMMISSIONS

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LOWER, LLC000000000	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-3689142	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-024	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 868663		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP VALUE I SA-Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-043	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 177965		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2010 CIT Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO				
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2015 CIT Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO				
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-002	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1820		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2020 CIT Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO				
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-003	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 670350		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2025 CIT Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO				
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-004	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 776393		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2030 CIT Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO				
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-005	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3235058		

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2035 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-006	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2523536
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2040 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-007	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3439673
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2045 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-008	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3569356
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2050 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-009	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2051176
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2055 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-010	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3250940
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR INC CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-011	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 49690
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2060 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-012	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2132382
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2065 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-013	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 286308
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LOWER, LLC000000000	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-3689142	

Part I Asset and Liability Statement			
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	12004	11986
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	91813	101748
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	636148	564642
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	15112194	21986682
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	690467	1046628
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	4422411	6889691
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	20965037	30601377
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	20965037	30601377

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	68573	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3280387	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	848503	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		4197463
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	46443	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		46443
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	102315	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		102315
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		3237185
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		64906
(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)		1019796
c Other income	2c		13568
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		8681676

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	8305331	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	300	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		8305631
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		6946
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	208879	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		208879
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		8521456

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		160220
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		9476120
(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: **RICHEY MA7 & CO., LLP**

(2) EIN: **71-0911208**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	☒	☐	172607
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☐	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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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 LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LOWER, LLC000000000	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-3689142	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 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.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6	a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
	b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
	c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.				
7	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8	If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%

High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☒ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702476A.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

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LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Management
Lower LLC 401(k) Retirement Plan
Columbia, Maryland

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

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

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

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

Opinion

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an independent auditors' 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter – Supplementary Information Required by ERISA

The accompanying supplementary information, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 and Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(a) - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended 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 DOL'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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Other Matter – Supplementary Information Required by ERISA (Continued)

The information included in the supplementary information, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplementary information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplementary information, we evaluated whether the supplementary information, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplementary information, other than the information in the supplementary information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplementary information related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

R. Chey, May 4, 20.

Englewood, Colorado
October 14, 2024

LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 29,923,001	\$ 20,225,072
Receivables-		
Employer contributions receivable	11,986	12,004
Participant contributions receivable	101,748	91,813
Notes receivable from participants	564,642	636,148
Other receivable	61,336	-
Total receivables	739,712	739,965
TOTAL ASSETS	30,662,713	20,965,037
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 30,662,713	\$ 20,965,037

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

LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS

Contributions-	
Participant	\$ 3,280,387
Participant, rollovers	848,503
Employer, net of forfeitures	68,573
Investment income-	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	4,321,887
Dividends	102,315
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	46,443
Other income	13,568
Total additions to net assets	<u>8,681,676</u>

DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS

Benefits paid to participants	8,312,577
Administrative expenses	208,879
Total deductions from net assets	<u>8,521,456</u>

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS

160,220

TRANSFER OF ASSETS INTO PLAN

9,537,456

NET INCREASE AND TRANSFERS OF ASSETS

9,697,676

**NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS-
BEGINNING OF YEAR**

20,965,037

END OF YEAR

\$ 30,662,713

LOWER, LLC 401(K) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

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

1. General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Lower, LLC (the Company) who have completed three months of service and attained the age 21. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Company's management is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The investment committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's trustees.

2. Plan Merger

Effective April 4, 2023, the Hamilton Home Loans, Inc. 401(k) Plan merged into the Plan, at which time net assets available for benefits totaling \$9,476,120 were transferred into the Plan.

3. Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute before-tax and qualified Roth deferrals to the Plan, up to 100% of annual eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan documents. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan includes an automatic enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. The deferral rate is increased by 1% each year, up to a maximum of 10%, of the participant's compensation. Each year, the Company makes an employer matching contribution of 25% of the first 3% of employee elective deferrals. The Company may elect to make a discretionary contribution or qualified nonelective contributions each year. The Company did not make a discretionary contribution or qualified nonelective contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

4. Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and the Company's matching, discretionary, and qualified nonelective contributions, as well as allocations of the earnings and losses. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined in the Plan documents. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

LOWER, LLC 401(K) PLAN
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A. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

5. Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions and the Company's qualified nonelective contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching contribution and discretionary contribution portion of their accounts is based on continuous years of service. A year of service is defined as 1,000 hours of service during a plan year. A participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service.

6. Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts at a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate will be based on the rates available for similar notes from commercial lending institutions. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

7. Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or as installment payments over a specified period of time (annually, quarterly or monthly), not exceeding the participant's life expectancy or joint life expectancy with their designated beneficiary, or as part lump sum and part installment payments. Vested account balances \$5,000 or less, but greater than \$1,000 shall be automatically distributed from the Plan into an individual retirement account. For termination of service for other reasons or for vested account balances \$1,000 or less, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump sum distribution.

8. Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$137,296 and \$278,726, respectively. These accounts will be used to pay future Plan expenses, if any. Any forfeitures left after paying Plan expenses will be used to reduce future employer contribution obligations. During 2023, Plan expenses and employer contribution obligations were reduced by \$124,314 and \$293,164, respectively, from forfeited non-vested accounts.

9. Transfers into the Plan

During 2023, participants transferred amounts totaling \$9,537,456 to the Plan from the Hamilton Home Loans, Inc. 401(k) Plan, which is reflected as transfer of assets into the plan on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

LOWER, LLC 401(K) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

B. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Certain adjustments have been made to the financial statements in order for them to conform to the accrual basis of accounting.

2. Use of Estimates

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

3. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's investment committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, custodians, and insurance companies. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

4. Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits and are expensed when they are incurred.

5. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

6. Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

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C. CERTIFIED INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplementary information, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and net appreciation in fair value of investments, dividends, interest income on notes receivable from participants, and other income for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Principal Life Insurance Company, Principal Global Investors Trust Company and Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company dba Principal Trust Company (the Custodians).

D. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements* (ASC 820), defines fair value as the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid upon transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and in the principal or most advantageous market for that asset or liability. The fair value should be calculated based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, not assumptions specific to the entity.

ASC 820 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based upon whether the inputs to those valuation techniques reflect assumptions other market participants would use based upon the market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs). In accordance with ASC 820, the following summarizes the fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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

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D. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

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.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These funds are required to publish their daily Net Asset Value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Pooled separate accounts: Valued at fair value based on the underlying investments held by the fund or similar instruments registered with the SEC, over-the-counter or other regulatory body. The underlying investments are valued based on readily determinable market prices.

Collective funds: Valued at fair value by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the creditworthiness of the issuer.

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

Assets Measured at Fair Value

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

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 6,889,691	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,889,691
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 1,046,628	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,046,628
Collective funds	\$ 21,986,682	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,986,682

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

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 4,422,411	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,422,411
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 690,467	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 690,467
Collective funds	\$ 15,112,194	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,112,194

Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments

Due to their short-term nature, the carrying value of short-term receivables approximate their fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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E. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as risk of foreign currency fluctuations relative to the U.S. Dollar, interest rate risk, credit risk, issuer going concern risk, and overall market volatility. During the year ended December 31, 2023, net appreciation in fair values of investments approximated \$4.3 million. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

On December 29, 2022, the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 was signed into law. The SECURE 2.0 Act contains provisions designed to make retirement plans more accessible to employees and less complicated for employers to establish and administer. While plan amendments are not required immediately, they must be adopted by the end of the first plan year beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

F. PLAN TERMINATION

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

G. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Custodians and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Additionally, notes receivable from participants are considered party-in-interest transactions and are secured by the vested balances in the participants' accounts.

Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than direct payment. The Company pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations. These party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transactions rules of ERISA.

The Company pays certain Plan accounting and administrative fees. The Company incurred \$9,500 for accounting and administrative fees during the year ended December 31, 2023. These fees are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

H. TAX STATUS

The Plan uses a prototype plan document sponsored by Principal Life Insurance Company (Principal). Principal received an opinion letter from the IRS, dated June 30, 2020, which states that the prototype document satisfies the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS. Although the Plan has been amended since the prototype plan received the determination letter, the Plan's management believes that the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

I. PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS

As required by ERISA Section 2510.3-102, the Plan sponsor is required to segregate employee contributions to the Plan from its general assets as soon as practicable but in no event more than 15 business days following the end of the month in which amounts are withheld from wages. Due to a business acquisition during 2022, portions of employee contributions and loan payments throughout 2022 and 2023 were determined by the third-party administrator to be segregated and transferred to the Plan beyond a reasonably practicable period by the Plan sponsor. Untimely employee contributions and loan payments for the year ended December 31, 2023, totaled \$150,815 and \$7,677, respectively. These untimely employee contributions and loan payments are considered prohibited transactions. In 2023, the Plan sponsor made an interest payment of \$250 to compensate the Plan for lost investment earnings relating to these prohibited transactions.

J. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

	Amounts
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 30,662,713
Less: other receivable	(61,336)
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 30,601,377</u>

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

	Amounts
Net increase in net assets per the financial statements	\$ 9,697,676
Less: transfers of assets to the plan	(61,336)
Net increase in net assets per Form 5500	<u>\$ 9,636,340</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

K. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan's management has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN
EMPLOYER ID #46-3689142, PLAN #001
SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4(i)
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
		<u>Mutual Funds:</u>		
	American Beacon Funds	International Equity Fund	**	\$ 28,716
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund	**	157,570
	American Funds	New World Fund	**	107,426
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	International Small Cap Value Portfolio Fund	**	61,123
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	US Small Cap Value Portfolio Fund	**	389,697
	DoubleLine	Total Return Bond Fund	**	154,497
	Eagle Financial Services	Carillon Eagle Mid Cap Growth Fund	**	354,092
	Eagle Financial Services	Carillon Eagle Small Cap Growth Fund	**	190,925
	First Pacific Advisors, LLC	Crescent Institutional Fund	**	117,146
	Franklin Templeton Investments	Global Bond Fund	**	21,028
	Invesco	International Small-Mid Company Fund	**	140,780
	John Hancock	Disciplined Value Fund	**	198,261
	Legg Mason	ClearBridge Aggressive Growth Fund	**	341,021
	Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	Total Return Bond Fund	**	44,276
	Vanguard Group	Inflation-Protected Securities Fund	**	91,391
	Vanguard Group	Short-Term Investment Grade Fund	**	206,377
	Vanguard Group	500 Index Fund	**	3,523,834
	Vanguard Group	Developed Markets Index Fund	**	187,909
	Vanguard Group	Extended Market Index Fund	**	404,452
	Vanguard Group	Real Estate Index Fund	**	169,170
		<u>Pooled Separate Accounts:</u>		
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	MidCap Value I Separate Account	**	177,965
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Liquid Assets Separate Account	**	868,663
		<u>Collective Funds:</u>		
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2015 CIT	**	1,820
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2020 CIT	**	670,350
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2025 CIT	**	776,393
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2030 CIT	**	3,235,058
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2035 CIT	**	2,523,536
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2040 CIT	**	3,439,673
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2045 CIT	**	3,569,356
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2050 CIT	**	2,051,176
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2055 CIT	**	3,250,940
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2060 CIT	**	2,132,382
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid 2065 CIT	**	286,308
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	LifeTime Hybrid Income CIT	**	49,690
*	Notes receivable from participants	Participant loans secured by the balances in the participants' accounts with interest from 4.25% to 10.50% per annum.	-	564,642
				<u>\$ 30,487,643</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.

** Investments are participant directed; therefore, cost information has been omitted.

LOWER LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN
 EMPLOYER ID #46-3689142, PLAN #001
 SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4(a)
 SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Plan Year	Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Full Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
		Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2022	\$ 14,114	\$ 863	\$ 13,251	\$ -	\$ -
2023	\$ 158,492	\$ 212	\$ 158,280	\$ -	\$ -

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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EIN 46 3689142
 PLAN NUMBER 001
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

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	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company Am Fds EuroPacific Grth R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 157,566.26
	American Beacon Funds	Registered Investment Company American Beacon Int Eq R5 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,734.29
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company American Funds NewWorld R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 107,454.23
	Eagle Financial Services, Inc.	Registered Investment Company Carillon Eagle MidCapGwth R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 352,420.52
	Eagle Financial Services, Inc.	Registered Investment Company Carillon Eagle SmlCapGwth R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 191,026.27
	Legg Mason	Registered Investment Company ClearBridge Agg Grwth IS Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 338,595.06
	DoubleLine	Registered Investment Company DoubleLine Ttl Ret Bond I Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 154,830.38
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	Registered Investment Company DFA Int'l Small Cap Value I Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 61,217.44
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	Registered Investment Company DFA US SmlCap Value I Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 389,933.33
	First Pacific Advisors, LLC	Registered Investment Company FPA Crescent Institutional Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 117,146.69
	Oppenheimer	Registered Investment Company Invesco Int Sml-Md Comp R6 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 140,612.32
	John Hancock	Registered Investment Company John Hancock Disc VL R6 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 198,283.93
	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co	Registered Investment Company Metropolitan Wt Tl Rtn Bd Plan	\$ 0.00	\$ 44,410.34
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr Inc CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 49,690.44
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2015 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,819.82

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*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2020 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 670,349.70
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2025 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 776,393.38
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2030 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,235,057.88
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2035 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,523,536.18
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2040 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,439,673.32
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2045 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,569,355.70
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2050 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,051,175.97
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2055 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,250,939.54
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2060 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,132,381.78
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2065 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 286,308.26
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Liquid Assets Sep Acct-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 868,663.36
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin MidCap Value I SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 177,964.95
	Franklin Templeton Investments	Registered Investment Company Templeton Global Bond R6 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,020.24
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Dev Mkts Index Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 187,640.96
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Ext Mk Index Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 403,624.20

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	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard RE Index Adm Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 169,351.34
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard ST Inv-Grade Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 205,729.41
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,528,675.71
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vgd Infl-Prot Sec Adm Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 91,418.05
*	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 0.00% To 10.50%	\$ 0.00	\$ 564,642.00

