

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 BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC. 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2011
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) BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC. 2027 7TH STREET BERKELEY, CA 94710
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-1700228
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 510-644-1023
2d	Business code (see instructions) 611000

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	TEERI D HAMER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 127
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) 79 6a(2) 77 6b 3 6c 58 6d 138 6e 0 6f 138 6g(1) 127 6g(2) 138 6h 13
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 3B 3D

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-1700228	

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(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
84-0467907	68322	943950-01	7	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

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

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

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

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

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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	172829
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	0

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 ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT**

b Balance at the end of the previous year**7b**

151773

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

18665

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

0

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

1972

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

7c(4)

0

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

2908

▶ **LOAN PAYMENTS**

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

23545

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

175318

e Deductions:

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

7e(1)

0

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

-172

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

7e(3)

2661

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

2489

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

172829

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-1700228

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....

No

Yes

☒
- b

If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b)

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

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

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

SERVICES BURNES EMPLOYEE BENEFITS I

5653 MAXWELTON RD
OAKLAND, CA 94618

(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?
16	CONSULTING	28305	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY O

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	2405	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

INVESTNET RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC

1801 CALIFORNIA ST
23RD FLOOR
DENVER, CO 80202

(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?
99	OTHER	984	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	3146	9353
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	5739855	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	0	7060070
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	151773	172829
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	5894774	7242252
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
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	5894774	7242252

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)	255338	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	595874	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		851212
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	477	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	1972	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		2449
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	147568	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		147568
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(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)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(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)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		100587
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		725842
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1827658

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	448486	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		448486
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	2405	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	29289	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		31694
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		480180

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1347478
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **LINDQUIST VON HUSEN & JOYCE LLP**

(2) EIN: **94-1250261**

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.)	☒	☐	457873
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.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC. 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-1700228
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 20-3691708		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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 11 / 14 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702518A.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Black Pine Circle, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis 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 audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with modified cash basis of accounting, as described in Note 2 to the financial statements.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Black Pine Circle, Inc. 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2 and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible 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.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 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 modified cash basis of accounting.

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 modified cash basis of accounting.

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

Other Matters

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedules (modified cash basis) of Delinquent Contributions and Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules (modified cash basis), other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedules (modified cash basis) that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules (modified cash basis), we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules (modified cash basis), other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is 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 supplemental schedules (modified cash basis), other than the information in the supplemental schedules (modified cash basis) 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 supplemental schedules (modified cash basis) 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).

Lindquist, von Husen and Joyce LLP

October 11, 2024

BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC. 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS – MODIFIED
CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value (Notes 3 and 4)	\$ 7,060,070	\$ 5,739,855
Guaranteed interest account, at contract value	172,829	151,773
Total investments	<u>7,232,899</u>	<u>5,891,628</u>
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants (Note 4)	9,353	3,146
Total receivables	<u>9,353</u>	<u>3,146</u>
Total assets	7,242,252	5,894,774
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 7,242,252</u>	<u>\$ 5,894,774</u>

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

BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC. 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS –
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Contributions:		
Participants	\$ 595,874	\$ 499,061
Employer	255,338	207,203
Rollovers	-	67,036
	<u>851,212</u>	<u>773,300</u>
Investment income (loss) (Note 4):		
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	826,429	(1,077,009)
Dividends	147,568	-
Other income	-	28,686
Total investment income (loss)	<u>973,997</u>	<u>(1,048,323)</u>
Interest on notes receivable from participants (Note 4)	2,449	1,705
Total increase (decrease)	<u>1,827,658</u>	<u>(273,318)</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	448,486	52,131
Administrative expenses (Note 5)	31,694	28,835
Total deductions	<u>480,180</u>	<u>80,966</u>
Net increase (decrease)	1,347,478	(354,284)
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	<u>5,894,774</u>	<u>6,249,058</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 7,242,252</u>	<u>\$ 5,894,774</u>

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

BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC. 401(K) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Black Pine Circle 401(k) Plan & Trust (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document or Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Black Pine Circle, Inc. (BPC). The Plan, adopted on January 1, 2011, and restated on November 23, 2021 and January 1, 2023, is designed to comply with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Eligible employees may contribute, as of completion of two months of service and having attained age 21, annually up to 100% of eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan. The maximum participant contribution to the Plan allowed for participants under the age of 50 was \$22,500 and \$20,500 for 2023 and 2022, respectively, and for participants aged 50 and over before the end of the Plan year was \$30,000 and \$27,000 for 2023 and 2022, respectively. These limits are set forth by the Internal Revenue Service and may vary to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. The Plan also allows participants to make designated Roth contributions on an after-tax basis. The Plan includes an automatic deferral provision whereby all eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan for purposes of deferrals. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 4% of eligible compensation, unless a different percentage is chosen.

The Plan provides for a safe harbor contribution which is equal to 3% and 3.5% of eligible compensation in 2023 and 2022, respectively. BPC contributed safe harbor contributions to the Plan totaling \$152,604 and \$207,203 in 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Plan also provides that BPC may contribute an additional discretionary matching contribution but will not apply to elective deferrals exceeding 6% of eligible compensation. The Plan also provides that BPC may contribute discretionary nonelective contributions, which will be allocated to eligible participants. The total amount of the additional discretionary matching contribution will not exceed 4% of eligible compensation. BPC contributed additional discretionary matching contributions to the Plan totaling \$102,734 and \$-0- in 2023 and 2022, respectively. BPC made no discretionary nonelective contributions in 2023 and 2022.

Vesting

Participants are immediately 100% vested in their contributions, safe harbor contributions and earnings thereon. Vesting in BPC's discretionary matching and nonelective contributions and related earnings are based on years of service. Vesting for discretionary matching contributions is based on a six-year graded scale, where a participant is 20% vested after two years of credited service, with 20% vesting added each year thereafter and 100% vested after six years of credited service. Vesting for discretionary nonelective contributions is based on a five-year graded scale, where a participant is 20% vested after one year of credited service with 20% vesting added each year thereafter and 100% vested after five years of credited service.

Participant Accounts

Each participant account is credited with the participant's contributions, BPC's contributions and earnings thereon, and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses, if any, that are not paid directly by BPC. Each participant account is also reduced by the loan balances. Allocations are made based on an equal amount charged to all participant accounts or directly to related participant accounts for certain fees. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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Investment Options

The Plan's investments are held by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (formerly Great West Life Annuity Insurance Company) and Empower Trust Company, LLC (formerly Great-West Trust Company, LLC) (collectively, "Empower"). Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct his or her account to be invested among one or more mutual funds offered by Empower, which invests in a portfolio of securities based on specific investment objectives.

These investment options have been approved by BPC. A participant may change his or her investment elections for future contributions, or transfer existing balances, from one fund to another by following procedures established by Empower.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The \$50,000 is reduced by the participant's highest outstanding balance in the previous 12 months or any existing loan balance on the date a new loan is made, whichever is greater. The loans are secured by the participant's vested account and bear interest rate of 9.25% and 6.00% as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which is based on the prime rate of interest published by any Federal Reserve Bank as of the date of the loan, plus 1%. Loan payments are made by semi-monthly payroll deductions over a term generally not exceeding five years. All loans must be repaid within a period of five years, unless the loan is used to purchase a principal residence, in which case, the loan must be repaid within fifteen years. The maximum permissible number of loans outstanding at any time is two per participant.

Notes receivable from participants, secured by participant account balances, are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan.

Benefit Payments

On termination of service for any reason, as defined in the Plan, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount or installments equal to the value of the participant's vested account. The Plan also provides for hardship distributions and in-service distributions to current employees under certain circumstances. Upon disability, retirement, or termination of employment, the Plan provides for a mandatory distribution if a participant's vested account balance is \$5,000 or less.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, BPC has the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

Forfeitures

Any forfeiture of employer contributions and earnings thereon due to a participant's withdrawal from the Plan prior to being 100% vested are applied to pay Plan administrative expenses, if any, and then to reduce future employer non-elective and discretionary matching contributions that would otherwise be made to the Plan. Forfeited nonvested amounts were \$2,912 and \$-0- during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Forfeitures applied to administrative expenses and employer contributions were \$2,479 and \$4,842 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Forfeitures available were \$433 and \$-0- as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The Plan prepares its financial statements under the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Contributions and investment income are generally recorded when received rather than earned, and benefits and administrative expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract which is reported at contract value. Fair value is defined as 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.

Generally accepted accounting principles establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to observable inputs (Level 2 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy based on inputs are as follows:

Level 1 – Valuations are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access and therefore do not entail a significant degree of judgment.

Level 2 – Valuations are based on significant inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, or quoted prices in markets that are not active, that is, markets in which there are few transactions, the prices are not current or price quotations vary substantially over time or among market makers.

Level 3 – Valuations are based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement and therefore require more judgment.

There has been no change in the methodology used at December 31, 2023 and 2022. Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value:

Pooled Separate Accounts (Mutual Funds):

The fair value of pooled separate accounts, invested in underlying mutual funds, is based on the net asset value per share of each fund held by the Plan at year-end, as described in the group annuity contract. Such investments are categorized as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds):

The fair value of mutual funds is based on the net asset value per share of each fund held by the Plan at year-end. Such investments are categorized as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

The preceding methods described may produce fair value calculations that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value could result in different fair value measurements at the reporting date.

Net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments reflects realized and unrealized gains and losses during the year. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

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Net asset value and fair value were equal for all investments held by the Plan at December 31, 2023 and 2022. Additionally, there were no unfunded commitments to purchase investments at December 31, 2023 and 2022. There were no imposed redemption restrictions on participants.

Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contract (Guaranteed interest account)

The Plan entered into a group annuity contract with Empower which invests contributions in the Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund. The Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund is a general account product of Empower. The methodology for calculating the interest crediting rate was based on the earnings of the underlying assets in the entire medium long-term new portfolio compared to the minimum interest crediting rate, as stated in the contract, and prevailing market conditions. Interest crediting rate is reset quarterly. The average yield earned by the plan for the benefit responsive fund can be derived by averaging the quarterly gross interest rates for the fund over the year. The average yield is 1.23% and 0.93% for 2023 and 2022, respectively. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the Plan's net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

The Plan's investment contract related to the Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund is fully benefit-responsive. Contract value, as reported by Empower, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with Empower. Such events include the following: (1) plan has actively competing investment options, (2) plan termination where there is a market value adjustment or the payout is at market value, (3) significant withdrawals from the fund, (4) engagement in activities or direct or indirect communications that encourage participants to withdraw from the fund. The plan administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable of occurring.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 11, 2024 the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS

As of December 31, 2023 investments consist of shares of mutual funds and a key guaranteed portfolio fund. All investments are participant-directed.

The following presents by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023:

	2023			
	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Registered investment companies (mutual funds)	\$ 7,060,070	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,060,070
Investments at fair value	\$ 7,060,070	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,060,070

	2022			
	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Pooled separate accounts (mutual funds)	\$ -	\$ 5,739,855	\$ -	\$ 5,739,855
Investments at fair value	\$ -	\$ 5,739,855	\$ -	\$ 5,739,855

The following presents the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, issued through the group annuity contract with Empower, at contract value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Guaranteed interest account	\$ 172,829	\$ 151,773

NOTE 4 – INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE INVESTMENT CUSTODIAN

The investments and notes receivable from participants included in the statements of net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related investment income and interest on notes receivable from participants included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis for the year ended December 31, 2023, as well as the information provided in Note 3 and the supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), have been derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (formerly Great West Life Annuity Insurance Company) and Empower Trust Company, LLC (formerly Great-West Trust Company, LLC), the investment custodian, in accordance with Section 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

NOTE 5 – RELATED-PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Investments are held by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (formerly Great West Life Annuity Insurance Company) and Empower Trust Company, LLC (formerly Great-West Trust Company, LLC), the Plan's investment custodian, a party-in-interest under ERISA. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan related to administrative services was \$31,694 and 28,835 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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NOTE 6 – TAX STATUS

The Plan is a participant in the Empower Trust Company, LLC (formerly Great-West Trust Company, LLC) Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing/Money Purchase/CODA, approved as tax-exempt under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to an advisory letter dated November 14, 2022.

The plan administrator believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. The Plan's federal Form 5500 is subject to examination by regulatory agencies generally for three years after filing.

NOTE 7 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various mutual funds and key guaranteed portfolio fund through a group annuity contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (formerly Great West Life Annuity Insurance Company) and Empower Trust Company, LLC (formerly Great-West Trust Company, LLC). Such investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near-term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

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FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H

LINE 4I – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

<i>Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party</i>	<i>Description of Investment</i>	<i>Current Value</i>
<u>Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America*</u>		
<u>Empower Trust Company, LLC*:</u>		
Registered investment companies:		
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Blackrock 20/80 Target Allocation K	\$ 187,130
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Federated Hermes Total Return Bond R6	47,838
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity 500 Index	1,266,422
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Emerging Markets Index	45,045
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Extended Market Index	3,340
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Freedom Index 2015 Instl Prem	144,661
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Freedom Index 2025 Instl Prem	1,589,704
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Freedom Index 2030 Instl Prem	49,804
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Freedom Index 2035 Instl Prem	1,419,588
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Freedom Index 2040 Instl Prem	58,222
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Freedom Index 2045 Instl Prem	744,459
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Freedom Index 2050 Instl Prem	78,438
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Freedom Index 2055 Instl Prem	381,340
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Freedom Index 2060 Instl Prem	104,256
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Freedom Index 2065 Instl Prem	13,030
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Inflation Protected Bond Index	139,615
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity International Index	23,629
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Intl Sustainability Idx	48,446
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Large Cap Growth Index	83,057
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Large Cap Value Index	19,853
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	11,255
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Multi-Asset Index Fund	136,410
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Puritan K	38,177
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Small Cap Growth Index	162,753
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Fidelity Small Cap Index	60,380
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Pimco Global Advantage Strategy Bd Instl	41,649
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Principal Midcap Value I R6	99,145
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Schwab Fdmtl Intl Lg Co Idx	37,788
Mutual Fund Through Group Annuity Contract	Vaneck Cm Commodity Index I	24,636
Total mutual funds		<u>7,060,070</u>
<u>Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America*</u>		
<u>Empower Trust Company, LLC*:</u>		
Guaranteed Interest Account	Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	172,829
<u>Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America*</u>		
<u>Empower Trust Company, LLC*:</u>		
Participant loans	9.25%, secured by account balances	<u>9,353</u>
Total		<u>\$ 7,242,252</u>

* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

BLACK PINE CIRCLE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

EIN: 94-1700228, PLAN NO. 001

FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H

LINE 4A – SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

<i>Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan</i>		<i>Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions</i>				
<i>Year</i>	<i>Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: ☒</i>	<i>Contributions Not Corrected</i>	<i>Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP</i>	<i>Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP</i>	<i>Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51</i>	
2023	\$	128,615	\$	128,615	\$	-
2022	\$	99,740	\$	99,740	\$	-
2021	\$	229,518	\$	229,518	\$	-

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

Black Pine Circle, Inc. 401k Plan

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
1BKCPX			183,856.05	187,130.28
1FIWFX			137,957.52	144,661.32
1FFEDX			1,484,772.14	1,589,703.99
1FFEGX			46,068.09	49,803.62
1FFEZX			1,286,678.08	1,419,587.74
1FFIZX			53,071.22	58,221.61
1FFOLX			659,027.44	744,458.97
1FFOPX			69,623.42	78,438.20
1FFLDX			339,269.76	381,339.90
1FFLEX			92,971.80	104,256.20
1FFIKX			12,002.61	13,030.25
1FPADX			42,937.42	45,044.83
1FSPSX			21,759.11	23,628.94
1FNIDX			45,337.00	48,446.35
1SFNNX			33,993.14	37,787.54
1COMIX			26,774.98	24,636.26
1FSSNX			52,005.43	60,379.59
1FECGX			140,907.80	162,752.62
1FSMAX			2,725.46	3,340.24
1FSMDX			9,660.34	11,254.65
1PCMSX			91,394.64	99,145.44
1FSPGX			64,889.72	83,057.33
1FLCOX			17,608.33	19,853.75
1FXAIX			1,067,853.02	1,266,422.43
1FFNOX			122,326.12	136,409.93
1FPUKX			35,150.15	38,177.19
1FTRLX			48,068.69	47,837.60
1FIPDX			143,617.77	139,614.64
1PSAIX			40,417.90	41,648.68
1KGPF		1.300	163,976.63	172,395.28
			6,536,701.78	7,232,465.37
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	6.000-9.250	9,317.24	9,353.15
FORFEITURES			409.13	433.31

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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1BKCPX BlackRock 20/80 Target Allocation K
 1FFEDX Fidelity Freedom Index 2025 Instl Prem
 1FFEZX Fidelity Freedom Index 2035 Instl Prem
 1FFOLX Fidelity Freedom Index 2045 Instl Prem
 1FFLDX Fidelity Freedom Index 2055 Instl Prem
 1FFIKX Fidelity Freedom Index 2065 Instl Prem
 1FSPSX Fidelity International Index
 1SFNNX Schwab Fdmtl Intl Lg Co Idx
 1FSSNX Fidelity Small Cap Index
 1FSMAX Fidelity Extended Market Index
 1PCMSX Principal MidCap Value I R6
 1FLCOX Fidelity Large Cap Value Index
 1FFNOX Fidelity Multi-Asset Index Fund
 1FTRLX Federated Hermes Total Return Bond R6
 1PSAIX PIMCO Global Advantage Strategy Bd Instl

1FIWFX Fidelity Freedom Index 2015 Instl Prem
 1FFEGX Fidelity Freedom Index 2030 Instl Prem
 1FFIZX Fidelity Freedom Index 2040 Instl Prem
 1FFOPX Fidelity Freedom Index 2050 Instl Prem
 1FFLEX Fidelity Freedom Index 2060 Instl Prem
 1FPADX Fidelity Emerging Markets Index
 1FNIDX Fidelity Intl Sustainability Idx
 1COMIX VanEck CM Commodity Index I
 1FECGX Fidelity Small Cap Growth Index
 1FSMDX Fidelity Mid Cap Index
 1FSPGX Fidelity Large Cap Growth Index
 1FXAIX Fidelity 500 Index
 1FPUKX Fidelity Puritan K
 1FIPDX Fidelity Inflation Protected Bond Index
 1KGPF Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund

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

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