

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 MERZ NORTH AMERICA 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1996
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) MERZ, INCORPORATED 6501 SIX FORKS ROAD RALEIGH, NC 27615
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1540459
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 919-582-8000
2d	Business code (see instructions) 424210

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	NATALIE PRUDENTE
	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 1517
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) 1009 6a(2) 1051 6b 0 6c 498 6d 1549 6e 7 6f 1556 6g(1) 1489 6g(2) 1536 6h 39
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 _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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 MERZ NORTH AMERICA 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERZ, INCORPORATED	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1540459	

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
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO. INC.AND AFFIL
94-1737782

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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)

SCHWAB RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES, INC

34-1479833

(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?
15 50 64	NONE	35216	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CAPFINANCIAL PARTNERS, LLC

26-0058143

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 50	NONE	20061	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.

94-1737782

(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?
59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

ONEAMERICA RETIREMENT SERVICES LLC

46-5378846

(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?
15 36 37 38 50 64	NONE	88863	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CAPFINANCIAL

26-2061505

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 51	NONE	6687	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

MATRIX TRUST COMPANY

75-3182674

(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?
19 21 25 62	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	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
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO.INC. AND AFFIL	59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
SEE ATTACHMENT 13-3191825	SEE ATTACHMENT	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
MATRIX TRUST COMPANY	19 21 25 62	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
ONEAMERICA RETIREMENT SERVICES LLC 46-5378846	ONEAMERICA HAS A REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT W MATRIX TRUST CO 1 BPS ON MKT VAL ANNUALIZED MONTHLY;\$750 ANNUAL TRUSTEE/CUSTODIAN FEE;\$5 ONE-TIME CHECK OR WIRE; \$3 RECURRING CHECK/ACH;\$20 STOP PMTS;FLOAT REVENUE	
(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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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan MERZ NORTH AMERICA 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERZ, INCORPORATED	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1540459	

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: PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY, LLC		
c EIN-PN 04-3159710-202	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6710152
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM INC CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-085	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 238589
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2005 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-086	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 38511
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2010 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-087	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 792122
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2015 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-088	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 208566
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2020 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-089	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1068262
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2025 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-090	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5693911

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2030 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-091	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9543863

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2035 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-092	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 18556497

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2040 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-093	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14370203

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2045 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-094	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14732644

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2050 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-095	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13706690

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2055 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-113	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8278964

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2060 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-147	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4656543

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY FREEDOM 2065 CMGLD Q		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-4659714-209	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 44391

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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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERZ, INCORPORATED	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1540459	

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	10202	7807
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	6621524	6954460
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1025425	1603672
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	77015672	98639908
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	71176711	88692947
(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	155849534	195898794
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		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	155849534	195898794

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)	13983150	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	12768152	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	3005127	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		29756429
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)	65002	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		65002
(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)	3810591	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		3810591
(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)		9054616
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		16098532
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		58785170

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	18568720	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		18568720
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		15108
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)	96805	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	35216	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	20061	
(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)		152082
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		18735910

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		40049260
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: **BDO USA, P.C.**

(2) EIN: **13-5381590**

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.)	☒	☐	320245
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?	☒	☐	5000000
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 MERZ NORTH AMERICA 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERZ, INCORPORATED	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1540459

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): 75-3182674 82-3967259	
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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023
v. 230707

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☒ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>09 / 21 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q704158A</u> .	

Merz North America 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements and ERISA- Required Supplemental Schedules

**As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

The report accompanying these financial statements was issued by BDO USA, P.C., a Virginia professional corporation, and the U.S. member of BDO International Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee.



Merz North America 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements and ERISA-Required Supplemental Schedules

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and
for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Merz North America 401(k) Plan

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Note: Other schedules required by Section 2520.103.10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA have been omitted because they are not applicable.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Merz North America 401(k) Plan
Raleigh, North Carolina

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Merz North America 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). 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 (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). 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 (qualified institution), provided that the investment information is prepared and certified to by the qualified institution in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- 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 (GAAP); and
- the certified investment information in the accompanying financial statements agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by qualified institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, 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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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



In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the 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 GAAP.

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 GAAP.

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules (Schedule H, line 4i-Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 and Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the Year Ended December 31, 2023) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the 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. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial



statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the certified investment information in the supplemental schedules agrees to, or are derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by qualified institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

BDO USA, P.C.

October 15, 2024

Financial Statements

Merz North America 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 187,332,855	\$ 148,192,383
Cash	7,807	10,202
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	6,954,460	6,621,524
Notes receivable from participants	1,603,672	1,025,425
Total Receivables	8,558,132	7,646,949
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 195,898,794	\$ 155,849,534

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>Year Ended December 31,</i>	2023
Additions:	
Investment Income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 24,762,840
Interest and dividend income	4,153,822
Total Investment Income	28,916,662
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	112,727
Contributions:	
Participant	12,767,939
Employer	13,983,150
Rollover	3,007,229
Total Contributions	29,758,318
Total Additions	58,787,707
Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	18,582,640
Administrative expenses	155,807
Total Deductions	18,738,447
Net Increase	40,049,260
Net Assets Available for Benefits, beginning of year	155,849,534
Net Assets Available for Benefits, end of year	\$ 195,898,794

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Merz North America 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the comprehensive Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was adopted effective October 1, 1992, by Merz, Inc. Merz, Inc. and its subsidiaries and affiliates which include Merz Pharmaceuticals, LLC, Merz GmbH & Co. KGaA, Merz Pharam GmbH & Co. KGaA, Senator GmbH & Co. KGaA, Merz Pharmaceuticals GmbH, Merz Consumer Care GmbH, and Merz North America, Inc. (collectively, Merz, the Employer, or the Company) is the sponsor of the Plan. The Plan is a contributory defined contribution plan that is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Trustee and Administration of the Plan

The trustee of the Plan is Charles Schwab Trust Bank. The trustee holds all assets of the Plan in accordance with the service provider contract with the Company. The recordkeeper of the Plan is Schwab Retirement Plan Services, Inc. (Schwab). The administrator of the Plan is the Company. The Merz Retirement Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

Effective June 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to reflect a change in the trustee from Matrix Trust Company to Charles Schwab Trust Bank and the recordkeeper from One America to Schwab. As a result of this change, participants may no longer contribute to investment options offered by Matrix Trust. The Employer and investment adviser completed a mapping of the previous investment options to the new investment options provided by Charles Schwab Trust Bank.

Eligibility

All employees of the Company are considered eligible for participation, except for: (1) nonresident aliens with no U.S. source of income; (2) employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement that does not provide for participation in the Plan; (3) leased employees; and (4) employees of any international affiliate of the Employer (affiliate) working with a participating Employer where the agreement by and between the parties provides that such affiliate shall provide retirement benefits to applicable local law to the employee throughout the assignment. There is no age or service requirement to enter the Plan.

Contributions

The amount of contributions for any plan year will be equal to the sum of the following:

- Participants may contribute up to 85% of pre-tax annual eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan. Salary deferral agreements shall be made, terminated, or changed according to procedures and limitations set up by the Plan Administrator and the Plan Document. The Plan also allows for Roth 401(k) contributions.
- Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

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- The Plan includes an auto-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.
- Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified benefit or contribution plans (rollover).
- The Company contributes a safe harbor matching contribution of 100% of the first 4% of eligible compensation plus 50% of the next 2% of eligible compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan.
- The Company may also make a non-elective discretionary contribution (profit-sharing contribution) to the Plan as a supplemental contribution for participants who are employed by the Company at the end of the year for which the contribution is made and the participant was credited with at least 1,000 hours of service during the plan year, or experienced one of the following events during the plan year: death, disability, early retirement age (55) or normal retirement age (65). A profit-sharing contribution of 4% of eligible compensation remains receivable for the year ended December 31, 2023 and totals \$6,726,543.

Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Participants' Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, employer contributions, and an allocation of net Plan earnings or 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. The benefit to which participants are entitled is the vested portion of their accounts.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants are permitted to borrow a minimum of \$1,000 of their vested benefits under the Plan. Participants may borrow up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance in their account during the prior 12-month period. Loans are secured by the participant's account and bear an interest rate at prime rate, which would be made under similar circumstances and is fixed for the term of the loan. The notes are repaid ratably through payroll deductions over a period of five years or less, unless used to purchase a principal residence. These loans are subject to certain restrictions as defined by the Plan Document and applicable restrictions under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Also, each participant may not have more than two loans outstanding at any time.

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Payment of Benefits

A participant's entire interest in the Plan is payable upon death, attainment of normal retirement age, becoming disabled, as defined, or termination of service. A participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the vested portion of the participant's account, or annual installments. Participants may elect to rollover their vested balance to another qualified retirement plan or IRA.

Immediate lump-sum distributions are to be made to terminated participants if the participant's vested account balance is \$1,000 or less. For terminated participants with vested balances greater than \$1,000, but less than \$5,000, their vested balance may be automatically rolled into an IRA unless otherwise elected.

Withdrawals from the Plan may also be made upon circumstances of financial hardship, in accordance with provisions specified in the Plan. Participants may also withdraw an amount at age 59½ if certain criteria are met.

Vesting

Participants are 100% vested in their individual deferral and rollover contributions and Employer safe harbor matching contributions, and the allocated earnings thereon. A participant's vested interest in the profit-sharing contributions is based upon the participant's years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after four years of credited service. Participants become fully vested in the event of death or total disability, as defined by the Plan.

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled approximately \$417,000 and \$19,000, respectively. These accounts may be used to pay administrative expenses and reduce future employer contributions. Approximately \$3,000 of the forfeited funds were used to pay administrative expenses and fund employer contributions in 2023.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

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

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The investments of the Plan 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 Merz Retirement Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by investment advisors and the Trustee. See Note 4 for a discussion on fair value measurements.

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

Contributions Receivable

Participant contributions and any related employer matching contributions are recognized in the period during which the Company makes the respective payroll deduction from the participant's compensation. Non-elective/Profit sharing contributions are recorded in the relevant period in accordance with the terms in the Plan document.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued unpaid interest. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Plan holds a cash account in the Plan at times. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation only insures certain balances up to \$250,000 per depositor at each financial institution. The Plan has never experienced any losses related to these balances.

Administrative Expenses

Certain administrative expenses of 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 participant-initiated transactions are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

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3. Certified Investment Information

Certain information disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and the supplemental Schedule H, line 4i-Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) - December 31, 2023, related to investments and notes receivable from participants held as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividend income, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Matrix Trust Company and Charles Schwab Trust Bank, qualified institutions.

4. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, provides for a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described as follows:

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.

A financial instrument's 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.

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

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

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Common/Collective Trust Funds: Common/collective trusts (CCTs) represent investments with various investment managers. Units held in CCTs are valued at NAV. The NAV, as provided by the trustee of the CCT, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund, that are traded in an active market, less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. There are no unfunded commitments, redemption restrictions or notice periods on the CCTs held by the Plan. The CCTs held by the Plan are direct filing entities.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation which 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 the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

<i>December 31, 2023</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>
Mutual funds	\$ 88,692,947	\$ 88,692,947	\$ -	\$ -
Total investments measured at the NAV as a practical expedient	98,639,908			
Total investments at fair value	\$ 187,332,855			

<i>December 31, 2022</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>
Mutual funds	\$ 71,176,711	\$ 71,176,711	\$ -	\$ -
Total investments measured at the NAV as a practical expedient	77,015,672			
Total investments at fair value	\$ 148,192,383			

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5. Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions

Participant loan and distribution fees are paid to Schwab by participants. The Plan also issues loans to participants which are secured by the vested balance of the participants' accounts. As described in Note 2, the Plan paid certain expenses related to plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. These transactions are party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from prohibited transaction rules.

6. Plan Termination

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

7. Tax Status

The Plan uses a pre-approved plan document sponsored by Schwab. Schwab received an opinion letter from the IRS, dated September 21, 2020, which states that the pre-approved plan document, as then designed, satisfies the applicable provisions of the IRC. Prior to the change in recordkeeper and trustee in June 2023, the Plan used a pre-approved plan document sponsored by One America, which had an opinion letter from the IRS dated August 19, 2020, which stated that the pre-approved plan document, as then designed, satisfied the applicable provisions of the IRC. Although the Plan had been amended since the date of the opinion letter from One America, Plan management believes that the Plan was designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

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

8. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan holds various investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and participant account balances.

9. Delinquent Participant Contributions

During the Plan year ended December 31, 2021, participant contributions and loan payments totaling \$320,245 were not remitted to the plan within the period prescribed by DOL regulations. These transactions constitute non-exempt party-in-interest transactions or prohibited transactions as defined by ERISA. The related lost earnings were remitted to the Plan during 2022.

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10. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

ERISA-Required Supplemental Schedules

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Schedule H, line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions-
Year Ended December 31, 2023
EIN\PN: 56-1540459\003

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP* and PTE** 2002- 51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP*	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP*	
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included:				
x	2021 \$ -	\$ -	\$ 320,245	\$ -

* Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (DOL)

** Prohibited Transaction Exemption (DOL)

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Schedule H, line 4i-Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) - December 31, 2023 EIN\PN: 56-1540459\003

(a) Party-in interest	(b) Identity of issuer, 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
Mutual Funds:				
	Alliance Bernstein	Small Cap Growth Portfolio I	\$	2,378,756
	American Funds	Europacific Growth Fund R6		3,182,018
	American Funds	Fundamental Investors Fund R6		5,440,591
	Blackrock	Health Sciences Opportunities Port CL I		4,574,335
	Blackrock	Mid Cap Grw Eqty-K		4,748,974
	Cohen & Steers	Realty International Shares		1,249,613
	John Hancock	Disciplined Value Mid Cap R6		4,270,381
	MainStay Funds	Large Cap Growth Fund R1		12,052,010
	MFS Distributors	International intrinsic Value Fund R6		4,232,553
	MFS Distributors	New Discovery Value Fund R6		3,611,566
	MFS Distributors	Value R3 Fund		4,213,732
	Prudential Investments	Total Return Bond Fund Z		6,221,280
	Vanguard Funds	Extended Market Index Fund Admiral		4,656,481
	Vanguard Funds	Institutional Index I		20,693,999
	Vanguard Funds	Total Bond Market Index Fund Admiral		3,558,616
	Vanguard Funds	Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral		3,608,042
Total Mutual Funds				88,692,947
Common/Collective Trusts:				
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2005 CMGLD Q		38,511
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2010 CMGLD Q		792,122
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2015 CMGLD Q		208,566
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2020 CMGLD Q		1,068,262
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2025 CMGLD Q		5,693,911
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2030 CMGLD Q		9,543,863
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2035 CMGLD Q		18,556,497
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2040 CMGLD Q		14,370,203
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2045 CMGLD Q		14,732,644
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2050 CMGLD Q		13,706,690
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2055 CMGLD Q		8,278,964
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2060 CMGLD Q		4,656,543
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2065 CMGLD Q		44,391
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom Income CMGLD Q		238,589
	Putnam Investments	Stable Value Fund		6,710,152
Total Common/Collective Trusts				98,639,908
Participant Loans				
		Interest rates ranging from 3.25% to 9.5%	\$0	1,603,672
Total				\$ 188,936,527

* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

** The cost of participant-directed investments is not required to be disclosed.

Schedule H/I, Line 4a
Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Plan Name: Merz North America 401(k) Plan

Employer Identification Number: 56-1540459

Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2023

Plan number: 003

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included:	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
☒			320,245	

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Schedule C, Part I, Line 3 - Service Provider Indirect Compensation Information
December 31, 2023

EIN: 56-1540459
Plan Number: 003

Received By Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (EIN: 94-1737782)

Fund Family/Provider	EIN	Formula
AllianceBernstein	13-3191825	Rate of 0.11% of average daily balance of asset(s)
BlackRock	04-6171663	Rate of 0.18% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Cohen & Steers	14-1904657	Rate of 0.07% of average daily balance of asset(s)
MFS	04-3253929	Rate of 0.36% of average daily balance of asset(s)
New York Life Investment Management LLC	13-5582869	Rate of 0.25% of average daily balance of asset(s)
PGIM Investments	22-3703799	Rate of 0.18% of average daily balance of asset(s)

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

NAME OF PLAN SPONSOR:	Merz, Incorporated
NAME OF PLAN:	Merz North America 401(k) Plan
EIN:	56-1540459
PLAN NUMBER:	003

(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
*	PARTICIPANT LOANS	Loans (3.25% - 9.50%)		1,603,672
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2005 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		38,511
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2010 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		792,122
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2015 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		208,566
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2020 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		1,068,262
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2025 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		5,693,911
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2030 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		9,543,863
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2035 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		18,556,497
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2040 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		14,370,203
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2045 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		14,732,644
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2050 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		13,706,690
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2055 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		8,278,964
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2060 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		4,656,543
	FIDELITY FREEDOM 2065 CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		44,391
	FIDELITY FREEDOM INC CMGLD Q	Common Collective Trust Fund		238,589
	PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FD 15 BPS	Common Collective Trust Fund		6,710,152
	AB SMALL CAP GROWTH I	Registered Investment Company		2,378,756
	AMERICAN FUNDAMENTAL INVSTR R6	Registered Investment Company		5,440,591
	BLACKROCK HEALTH OPPS INSTL	Registered Investment Company		4,574,335
	BLACKROCK MD CAP GWTH PORT K	Registered Investment Company		4,748,974
	COHEN & STEERS REALTY INST CL	Registered Investment Company		1,249,613
	EUROPACIFIC GROWTH R6	Registered Investment Company		3,182,018
	JHCOCK3 DISCIPLINED VAL MCP R6	Registered Investment Company		4,270,381
	MAINSTAY WINSLOW LGCAP GRTH R1	Registered Investment Company		12,052,010
	MFS INTL INTRINSIC VALUE R6	Registered Investment Company		4,232,553
	MFS NEWDISCOVERY VALUE FUND R6	Registered Investment Company		3,611,566
	MFS VALUE R3	Registered Investment Company		4,213,732
	PGIM TOTAL RETURN BOND Z	Registered Investment Company		6,221,280
	VANGUARD EXTENDED MKT INDX ADM	Registered Investment Company		4,656,481
	VANGUARD INSTITUTIONAL INDEX	Registered Investment Company		20,693,999
	VANGUARD TOT INTL STK IDX ADM	Registered Investment Company		3,608,042
	VANGUARD TTL BOND MKT IDX ADM	Registered Investment Company		3,558,616

* Party-in-interest