

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 A. M. CASTLE & CO. 401(K) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1957
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) A. M. CASTLE & CO. 1420 KENSINGTON ROAD, STE 220 OAK BROOK, IL 60523-2165
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-0879160
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 847-349-2561
2d	Business code (see instructions) 423500

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	LILY FRAMARIN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2024	LILY FRAMARIN
	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	5 795
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) 492 6a(2) 445 6b 1 6c 231 6d 677 6e 8 6f 685 6g(1) 755 6g(2) 665 6h 52
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 2R 2S 2T

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached 0
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A Name of plan A. M. CASTLE & CO. 401(K) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 A. M. CASTLE & CO.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-0879160

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	613953	685	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
0	0

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	

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	0
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	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 ▶ CUSTODIAL GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT**b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 11838457

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	327203
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	187282
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	557039

▶ LOAN PAYMENT, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 1071524**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 12909981**e** Deductions:

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

7e(1) 1877663

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2) 29744

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

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4) 508878

▶ LOAN WITHDRAWAL, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 2416285**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 10493696

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 A. M. CASTLE & CO.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-0879160	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	112400	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

SECURITIES AMERICA ADVIS

47-0648506

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 50	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	13892	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	7	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

CREATIVE PLANNING

84-4519624

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 50	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	48393	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	18	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)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	ACCOUNTANT	23096	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	4	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

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

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			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:	BAKER TILLY US, LLP	b EIN:	39-0859910
c Position:	ACCOUNTANT		
d Address:	205 MICHIGAN AVE CHICAGO, IL 60601	e Telephone:	312-729-8000

Explanation: BAKER TILLY US, LLP COMPLETED A STRATEGIC INVESTMENT ON JUNE 3, 2024, AND AS A RESULT HAS APPLIED FOR AND OBTAINED A NEW EIN. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN AUDIT FIRM.

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

Explanation:

a Name:		b EIN:	
c Position:			
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Explanation:

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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RTMT BAL TR CL A</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>38-7011316-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>23002</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2005 TR CL A</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>61-6434302-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>276359</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2010 TR CL A</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>32-6199795-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>41522</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2015 TR CL A</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>35-6941654-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>226348</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2020 TR CL A</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>36-7594871-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1583101</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2025 TR CL A</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>37-6495447-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2774361</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2030 TR CL A</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>38-7010946-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>5966812</u>	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2035 TR CL A

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

c EIN-PN 36-7595013-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3910940
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2040 TR CL A

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

c EIN-PN 35-6941729-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4813649
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2045 TR CL A

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

c EIN-PN 32-6199848-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3252217
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2050 TR CL A

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

c EIN-PN 30-6303214-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3217034
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2055 TR CL A

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

c EIN-PN 35-6941728-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1733225
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2060 TR CL A

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

c EIN-PN 47-1088316-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 371213
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2065 TR CL A

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

c EIN-PN 85-1763138-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 170385
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan A. M. CASTLE & CO. 401(K) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 A. M. CASTLE & CO.		
D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-0879160		

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		4481
(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)	1428358	1245383
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		28360167
(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)	55562427	34454104
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	11838457	10493696
(15) Other	1c(15)	422472	645668

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	69251714	75203499
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	69251714	75203499

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)	1167484	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3064282	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	130865	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		4362631
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)	78557	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	189016	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		267573
(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)	445069	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		445069
(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)		3388186
(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)		6221344
c Other income	2c		161118
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		14845921

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	8694140	
(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)		8694140
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		668
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	113947	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	23096	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	62285	
(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)		199328
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		8894136

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		5951785
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: **BAKER TILLY US, LLP**

(2) EIN: **30-1413443**

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.)		☒	
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.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan A. M. CASTLE & CO. 401(K) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 A. M. CASTLE & CO.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-0879160
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): 42-0127290		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ 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 _____

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____

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

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

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☒ N/A

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

A. M. CASTLE & CO.
401(k) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN
Oak Brook, Illinois

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Including Independent Auditors' Report

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

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Note: Supplemental schedules required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 not included as part of these financial statements are not applicable to the A.M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan.

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator of
A. M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the A. M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the A. M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the A. M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the A. M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for at least one year following the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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 A. M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement 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 A. M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the 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 schedule, 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 schedule 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 schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its 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 schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule 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 information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Chicago, Illinois
October 15, 2024

A.M. CASTLE & CO.
401(k) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
As of December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 63,459,939	\$ 55,984,899
Guaranteed Investment Contract, at contract value	10,493,696	11,838,457
Employer contributions	4,481	-
Notes receivable from participants	<u>1,245,383</u>	<u>1,428,358</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 75,203,499</u>	<u>\$ 69,251,714</u>

A.M. CASTLE & CO.
401(k) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year ended December 31, 2023

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS

Investment income:

Dividends and interest	\$ 1,117,157
Appreciation in fair value of investments	7,774,331
Realized gains in fair value of investments	1,350,371
Total investment income	<u>10,241,859</u>

Interest income from notes receivable from participants	<u>78,557</u>
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Other income	<u>162,874</u>
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Contributions:

Company	1,167,484
Participant	3,064,282
Rollovers from other qualified plans	130,865
Total contributions	<u>4,362,631</u>

Total additions	<u>14,845,921</u>
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS

Benefits paid to participants	8,694,808
Administrative fees	199,328
Total deductions	<u>8,894,136</u>

NET INCREASE	5,951,785
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>69,251,714</u>
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 75,203,499</u></u>
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A.M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the A.M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Users of these financial statements should refer to the plan document for more complete information.

General: The Plan was established on January 1, 1957. The Plan was amended and restated from time to time to provide a means for eligible (salaried and non-salaried) employees to build a supplemental retirement fund and to provide additional disability and death benefits.

The Plan is a defined contribution 401(k) plan available to salaried and other eligible employees of A.M. Castle & Co. (the "Company") and certain of its subsidiaries, and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Employees of the Company are eligible to become participants in the Plan on the first day of the month following the completion of 30 days of service. Employees hired after January 1, 2011 are automatically enrolled in the Plan with a salary deferral of 3% of pre-tax compensation, increasing 1% annually until a maximum deferral of 10% is reached. Each automatically enrolled participant defaults into the T. Rowe Price Target Date Retirement Funds unless the participant elects an alternative investment option. Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct Company and participant contributions to any combination of available investment options and can opt out of participation at any time.

Trustee: The Plan's trust fund is administered under the terms of certain trust agreements between the Plan and the Principal Financial Group (the "Trustee"). The trust agreements provide, among other things, that the Trustee shall account for all investments, receipts, and disbursements and other transactions and shall provide annually a report setting forth such transactions and the status of the fund at the close of the year.

Contributions: Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of their eligible pre-tax annual compensation (salary reduction contributions), as defined by the Plan, subject to Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limitations. Participants who are 50 years of age or older by the end of a particular plan year and have contributed the maximum 401(k) deferral amount allowed under the Plan for that year are eligible to contribute an additional portion of their annual compensation on a before-tax basis as catch-up contributions, up to the annual IRC limit. In addition, the Plan allows participants to make Roth elective deferrals. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollover contributions).

The Company matches 100% of each dollar the employee contributes to the Plan up to the first 3% of the participant's pre-tax compensation, and an additional 50% of each dollar the employee contributes on the next 2% of the participant's pre-tax compensation. The Company may also make discretionary annual contributions of up to 4% of all participants' eligible compensation, regardless of their individual contributions to the Plan. In 2023, no discretionary contributions were made to the Plan.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, rollover contributions, and an allocation of the Company's contributions and plan earnings (net of administrative expenses). Allocations are based on the participant's eligible compensation or account balances, as defined by the Plan. 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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Vesting: Participant contributions (including rollover contributions) and earnings thereon are at all times 100% vested. Generally, unless otherwise specified in the Plan document, for Company contributions to the Plan, and any earnings thereon, participants will be fully vested after completing two calendar years of service. In addition, the Plan contains provisions under which the entire amount credited to a participant's account is distributable upon a participant's disability or death.

Forfeitures: Matching and employer discretionary contributions made by the Company may be reduced by the amount of forfeitures from employees' unvested matching contribution accounts. Amounts forfeited from employees' matching and employer discretionary contribution accounts are to be allocated to eligible participants, as defined by the Plan. Forfeitures were used to reduce Company contributions totaling \$129,445 in the year ended December 31, 2023. The forfeiture account balance at December 31, 2023 and 2022, was \$20 and \$301, respectively.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balances for a specified time period, as defined in the plan document. Interest is charged on outstanding loans at one percentage point above the prime rate in effect at the time of the loan. Loan rates are established at the beginning of each quarter. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that range from 4.25 percent to 9.50 percent at December 31, 2023. Principal and interest is paid ratably through weekly payroll deductions. Loan terms may not exceed five years, except for the purchase of a principal residence. Upon termination of employment, notes receivable from participants (if in default) are first deducted from participant's vested account balance, with the remaining equity balance distributed to the participant.

Payment of Benefits: Benefit payments from the Plan will not be made until a participant retires, dies, attains age 65, or otherwise terminates employment with the Company. However, in-service benefit payments may be taken when participants reach 59.5 years of age. Benefit payments are made in cash in a lump sum, an installment basis, purchase of an annuity, or can be rolled over to another eligible plan or an individual's Individual Retirement Account. Hardship withdrawals are allowed by the Plan in certain cases of financial hardship, as defined by the Plan. The Plan was amended to change the guidelines for hardship withdrawals after January 1, 2020. Included in net assets available for benefits are amounts allocated to individuals who have completed an election to withdraw from the Plan and requested that their benefits be paid but whose distributions have not yet been paid. There were no Plan assets allocated to the accounts of these participants as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. There was a force-out provision in 2023 of \$5,000.

Administrative Expenses: The Company pays a portion of the Plan's administrative expenses. A participant's account balance will be charged with certain fees and expenses. Asset-based fees (e.g., management fees and other operating expenses) are used to cover the expenses related to running an investment fund, and are generally deducted directly from a participant's investment returns.

Plan administration fees cover the day-to-day expenses of administering the Plan, and may be charged directly to a participant's account or covered by a portion of the asset-based fees deducted directly from investment returns.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”).

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties: The Plan utilizes various investment instruments, including mutual funds, common-collective trust funds, and a guaranteed investment contract. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants’ account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: Investments are stated at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan’s Investment Committee determines the Plan’s valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and Trustee.

Interest is recorded on an accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the gain and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held, during the year. Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade-date basis.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

NOTE 3 – INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE – UNAUDITED

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA for 2023 and 2022. Accordingly, the Trustee has certified the completeness and accuracy of all investments reported in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, and the related investment activity reported in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.

NOTE 4 – FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated November 30, 2017 that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with applicable requirements of the IRC. The determination letter is applicable for the plan document effective January 1, 2010. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt. Plan management is required to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. Based on the plan administrator's evaluation, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken by the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Therefore, the Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 5 – PLAN TERMINATION

Although the Company has not expressed any intent to do so, it reserves the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event of termination of the Plan, all participants shall become 100% vested in their accounts and no part of the trust fund shall revert to the Company.

NOTE 6 – RELATED-PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL Regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the Company, and certain others. The guaranteed investment contract is managed by the Trustee and therefore, these transactions qualify as party in interest transactions. Notes receivable from Plan participants, which are secured by participant account balances, qualify as party-in-interest transactions, and are exempt from the prohibited transactions rules.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, administrative fees of \$199,328 were paid by the Plan to the Trustee, which qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Company also pays certain fees and expenses of the Plan.

Certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

NOTE 7 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan follows Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" ("ASC 820") for measurement and disclosure purposes with respect to financial assets and liabilities. ASC 820 clarifies the definition of fair value, prescribes methods for measuring fair value, establishes a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The three-tier hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in the valuation methodologies, is described below:

Level 1 – Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets that the Plan has ability to access.

Level 2 – Valuations based on observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 – Valuations based on unobservable inputs reflecting the Plan's own assumptions, consistent with reasonably available assumptions made by other market participants.

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

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

Mutual funds – valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are actively traded.

Investments measured at net asset value - Consisting of a stable value fund and other common collective trust funds, valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, 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 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. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner. Each collective trust provides for daily redemptions by the Plan at reported NAV per share.

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The Plan's sponsor is responsible for the determination of fair value. Accordingly, they perform periodic analysis on the prices received from the pricing services used to determine whether the prices are reasonable estimates of fair value. As a result of these reviews, the Plan's sponsor has not historically adjusted the prices obtained from the pricing services. The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation 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 the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth the Plan's participant-directed investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies				
Mutual funds	\$35,099,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$35,099,772
Investments measured at NAV				\$28,360,167
Participant-directed investments in fair value hierarchy	\$35,099,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$63,459,939

The following table sets forth the Plan's participant directed investments at fair value as of December 31, 2022:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies				
Mutual funds	\$55,984,899	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,984,899
Participant-directed investments in fair value hierarchy	\$55,984,899	\$ -	\$ -	\$55,984,899

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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NOTE 8 – FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACTS

The Plan holds a portfolio of investment contracts that comprises a traditional investment contract. These contracts meet the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. The following represents the disaggregation of contract value between types of investment contracts held by the Plan.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Traditional investment contract	<u>10,493,696</u>	<u>11,838,457</u>

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at the specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer was 1.55 percent and 1.75 percent as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The crediting rate is reviewed and reset on December 1, and semi- annually thereafter. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments. Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the IRC or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the IRC
2. Premature termination of the contracts
3. Plan termination or merger
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options
5. Bankruptcy of the Plan's sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

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In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract
3. A material misrepresentation
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

NOTE 9 – CONCENTRATIONS

The Plan holds certain investments that each represent 10% or more of the total net assets available for benefits held by the Plan. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan held two and three such investments totaling \$20,638,540 and \$26,264,287, respectively.

NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for events requiring recognition or disclosure in the Plan's financial statements.

NOTE 11 – RECENT REGULATORY PRONOUNCEMENTS

The SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 was signed into law on December 29, 2022. This legislation includes a vast array of provisional changes to retirement plans, becoming effective in 2023 and beyond. Plan management adopted mandatory provisions effective for the year ended December 31, 2023. Plan management is evaluating the impact of optional SECURE 2.0 provisions and awaiting additional regulatory guidance from the IRS and the Department of Labor. The application of SECURE 2.0 Act did not have a material effect on the Plan's financial statements. The Plan will be amended to reflect any changes made in response to SECURE 2.0 prior to the deadline set by law or applicable regulations.

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

As of December 31, 2023

Employee Identification Number 36-0879160

Three-digit plan number: 002

(a)	(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				
	American Funds	Europacific Growth Fund	**	1,753,210
	MFS Investment Mgmt	MFS Growth R6 Fund	**	10,144,844
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	US Targeted Value I Fund	**	264,102
	The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Wellesley Income Adm Fund	**	3,232,024
	The Vanguard Group	Vanguard TTL Bd Mkt Idx Adm Fd	**	467,589
	The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Institutional Index Fund	**	360,995
	The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm Fund	**	456,587
	The Vanguard Group	Vanguard TTL 500 Idx Adm Fund	**	4,607,286
	The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Sm Cap Index Adm Fund	**	516,826
	The Vanguard Group	Self Directed Fund	**	645,691
	John Hancock	Disc Value Mid Cap Value Fund	**	2,118,799
	JP Morgan Funds	Equity Income R6 Fund	**	6,605,742
	Janus Henderson	Triton	**	276,242
	MFS Investment	Mid Cap Growth Fund	**	<u>3,649,835</u>
		Total Mutual Funds		35,099,772
Common Collective Trust Funds				
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Balanced Class A Fund	**	23,002
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2005 Fund	**	276,359
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2010 Fund	**	41,521
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2015 Fund	**	226,348
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2020 Fund	**	1,583,101
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2025 Fund	**	2,774,361
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2030 Fund	**	5,966,812
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2035 Fund	**	3,910,940
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2040 Fund	**	4,813,649
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2045 Fund	**	3,252,217
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2050 Fund	**	3,217,034
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2055 Fund	**	1,733,225
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2060 Fund	**	371,213
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Retirement 2065 Fund	**	<u>170,385</u>
		Total Common Collective Trust Funds		28,360,167
Fixed Income Guarantee Option				
*	Principal Life Insurance Co.	Fixed Income Guarantee Option	**	10,493,696
Participant Loans				
*	Participant loans	Maturing through 2030, at interest rates of 4.25% to 9.5%	\$0	1,245,383
	Total investments		<u>\$</u>	<u>75,199,018</u>
*	Represents a party-in-interest			
**	Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and, therefore, is not included			

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EIN 36 0879160
 PLAN NUMBER 002
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

(A)	(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
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company Am Fds EuroPacific Grth R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,753,208.72
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	Registered Investment Company DFA US Targeted Value I Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 264,103.73
	Janus International Holding, LLC	Registered Investment Company JanusHenderson Triton N	\$ 0.00	\$ 276,243.89
	John Hancock	Registered Investment Company JOHN HANCOCK DISC VAL MC R6 FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,118,798.55
	JP Morgan Funds	Registered Investment Company JP Morgan Equity Income R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,605,741.25
	MFS Investment Management	Registered Investment Company MFS Growth R6 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,144,839.56
	MFS Investment Management	Registered Investment Company MFS MID-CAP GROWTH R6 FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,649,835.26
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Insurance Company General Prin Fixed Inc Guar Option	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,493,696.15
	Schwab Funds	Brokerage Account Self-Directed Brokerage Acct	\$ 0.00	\$ 645,668.00
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T ROWE PRICE RTM 2060 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 371,212.59
	T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY	Common/Collective Trust T ROWE PRICE RTM 2065 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 170,384.83
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2005 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 276,358.67
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2010 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,521.53
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2015 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 226,348.15
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2020 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,583,101.06

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	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2025 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,774,361.03
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2030 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,966,811.63
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2035 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,910,940.24
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2040 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,813,648.79
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2045 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,252,217.17
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2050 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,217,033.61
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTM 2055 TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,733,225.29
	T. Rowe Price Trust Company	Common/Collective Trust T. ROWE PRICE RTMT BAL TR CL A	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,001.96
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 456,604.87
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Index Adm Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 516,830.69
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 467,589.27
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Wellesley Inc Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,232,021.51
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,607,289.19
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vgd Ttl Intl Stk Idx Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 360,997.03
*	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 0.00% To 9.50%	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,245,383.00