

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 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024	
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 SALEM HOLDING COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/1987
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) SALEM HOLDING COMPANY 175 CHARLOIS BOULEVARD WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27103
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1740888
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 336-768-6800
2d	Business code (see instructions) 423100

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.	12/23/2024	STEPHEN DULA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	12/23/2024	STEPHEN DULA
	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 1190
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) 831 6a(2) 803 6b 0 6c 319 6d 1122 6e 5 6f 1127 6g(1) 1116 6g(2) 1088 6h 152
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

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

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 _____
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024		
A Name of plan SALEM HOLDING COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SALEM HOLDING COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1740888	

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
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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	94461	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(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?
27 50	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	12989	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		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 ☐

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan SALEM HOLDING COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SALEM HOLDING COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1740888

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GALLIARD STABLE RETURN PN		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 41-6202499-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2255548
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN/BR S&P 500 INDEX CIT N		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 94-3224211-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1267469
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN/BR S&P MID INDEX CIT N		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 52-2265235-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3101148
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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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
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SALEM HOLDING COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1740888	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(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)	1113314	1216113
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	6181029	6624165
(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)	20540657	24484940
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	27835000	32325218
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	27835000	32325218

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)	673536	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2897809	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	34508	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		3605853
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)	84858	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		84858
(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)	432738	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		432738
(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)		723573
(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)		2543790
c Other income	2c		10018
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		7400830

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2803055	
(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)		2803055
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		115
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	94461	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	12981	
(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)		107442
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2910612

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		4490218
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: **SMITH LEONARD PLLC**

(2) EIN: **20-5907591**

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?	☒		2500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024		
A Name of plan SALEM HOLDING COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SALEM HOLDING COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1740888	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 42-0127290		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6	a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
	b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
	c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.				
7	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8	If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

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

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☒ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702477A</u> .	

Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Financial Statements and
Supplemental Schedule
Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023



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Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Administrator and Participants of the
Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements ("financial statements").

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 ("qualified institution"), provided that the investment information is prepared and certified to by the qualified institution in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").
- the information in the financial statements referred to above 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 a qualified institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the Financial Statements

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, as listed in the accompanying table of contents, 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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental 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 a qualified institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Smith Leonard PLLC

High Point, North Carolina
December 16, 2024

Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>June 30,</i>	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 24,484,940	\$ 20,540,657
Common collective trust funds	6,624,165	6,181,029
Total investments at fair value	31,109,105	26,721,686
Notes receivable from participants	1,216,113	1,113,314
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 32,325,218	\$ 27,835,000

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>Year ended June 30,</i>	2024	2023
Additions		
Investment income:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 432,738	\$ 353,362
Net appreciation in value of investments	3,277,381	2,252,598
Total investment income	3,710,119	2,605,960
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	84,858	53,736
Contributions:		
Participant	2,897,809	2,668,441
Employer	673,536	655,208
Rollover	34,508	177,794
Total additions	7,400,830	6,161,139
Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants	2,803,170	3,401,153
Administrative expenses	107,442	84,411
Total deductions	2,910,612	3,485,564
Net increase	4,490,218	2,675,575
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	27,835,000	25,159,425
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ 32,325,218	\$ 27,835,000

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of the Plan

The following description of Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Salem Holding Company and related companies Salem Leasing Corporation, Salem Carriers Incorporated, and Salem Global Logistics, Inc. (collectively, the "Company") who have completed six months of service. Employees may begin participation as of the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date on which they meet the eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Contributions

Eligible employees are automatically enrolled at a 2% deferral percentage, which will increase by increments of 1% annually up to a maximum of 10%, unless they elect an alternative deferral percentage or decline participation. Participants may otherwise elect to contribute up to 50% of their pre-tax annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed the limits set by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). Participants who have attained age 50 are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollovers). The Company may make a discretionary matching contribution. The Company made matching contributions equal to 50% of the first 4% of compensation that each participant contributed to the Plan for 2024 and 2023. In addition, the Company may make a discretionary profit sharing contribution. However, no discretionary profit sharing contributions were made in 2024 and 2023.

Effective July 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to allow for after-tax ("Roth") participant contributions.

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct contributions to any of the investment options offered through the Plan. Participants may change their investment options and deferral percentages at any time.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and the Company's contributions and an allocation of the Plan's net earnings and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant contributions, earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. Participants may direct contributions in any of the investment options maintained by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and any income or loss thereon. Participants become 100% vested in Company contributions after six years of service, or in the event of death or disability. Vesting begins at 20% after two years of service and increases 20% each subsequent year with 100% vesting after six years.

Forfeitures

The portion of a participant's account balance that is not vested upon termination shall be forfeited and may be used to offset administrative expenses or Company matching contributions to the Plan. Forfeitures of approximately \$128,000 and \$113,000 were used to offset administrative expenses or Company matching contributions in 2024 and 2023. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, available forfeited non-vested accounts were approximately \$11,000 and \$14,000.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of the Plan (Concluded)

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, retirement, or separation, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum distribution equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. In-service distributions may be made to participants who have reached age 59½.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their account balances a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000. Note terms are generally up to five years and only one loan may be outstanding at a time. The notes are collateralized by the balances in the participants' accounts and bear interest at a rate derived from prevailing prime lending rates. Notes are repaid ratably through payroll deductions.

Administrative Expenses

The Company absorbs certain expenses incidental to the administration of the Plan, including internal administrative costs. Other fees, including trustee and asset fees, are paid by the Plan. Loan and distribution fees are paid from the affected participant's accounts.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of June 30, 2024 and 2023. Delinquent notes receivable are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements through December 16, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that no events have occurred that require adjustments to or additional disclosure in the financial statements.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

3. Certified Investment Information

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at June 30, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Principal Trust Company ("Principal"), the trustee of the Plan.

4. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

5. Income Tax Status

The Plan has adopted a prototype plan document sponsored by Principal Life Insurance Company ("PLIC"). The IRS has determined and informed PLIC by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan has been amended since the date of the determination letter; however, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with applicable provisions of the IRC and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

6. Plan Termination

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

7. Party-in-Interest Transactions

Fees paid by the Plan to PLIC for administrative services were approximately \$94,000 and \$84,000 in 2024 and 2023. Principal is the trustee and recordkeeper as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest.

Fees paid by the Plan to MMA Securities for investment advisory services were approximately \$13,000 in 2024.

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8. Fair Value Measurements

The Plan has adopted Accounting Standards Codification 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" ("ASC 820"), which establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are as follows:

Basis of Fair Value Measurements

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3: Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual funds: Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year-end. The NAV for these investments is a quoted price in an active market and is classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Common collective trust funds: Valued at NAV as determined by the issuer using the estimated fair value of the underlying assets, minus liabilities, which are valued primarily through the use of directly and indirectly observable inputs. As the value of these investments is readily determinable, these funds are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

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 summarizes the investments by level as defined within the fair value hierarchy as of June 30, 2024.

	Investment Assets at Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$24,484,940	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,484,940
Common collective trust funds	-	6,624,165	-	6,624,165
	\$24,484,940	\$ 6,624,165	\$ -	\$ 31,109,105

The following table summarizes the investments by level as defined within the fair value hierarchy as of June 30, 2023.

	Investment Assets at Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$20,540,657	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,540,657
Common collective trust funds	-	6,181,029	-	6,181,029
	\$20,540,657	\$ 6,181,029	\$ -	\$ 26,721,686

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Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

EIN: 56-1740888

Plan Number: 001

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – June 30, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2030 Fund	**	\$ 4,736,319
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2025 Fund	**	2,957,883
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2040 Fund	**	2,720,017
	Allspring	Special Small Cap Value Fund	**	2,357,568
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2035 Fund	**	1,939,307
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2050 Fund	**	1,317,361
	Fidelity Investments	Contrafund	**	1,300,238
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2020 Fund	**	1,161,284
	BNY Mellon	Dynamic Value Fund	**	1,086,598
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2045 Fund	**	1,008,472
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2055 Fund	**	949,965
	American Funds	Europacific Growth Fund	**	592,205
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2060 Fund	**	585,181
	Nuveen	Lifecycle Index 2015 Fund	**	429,431
	PIMCO	Total Return Fund	**	377,813
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2065 Fund	**	213,727
	Nuveen	Lifecycle Index Retirement Income Fund	**	188,078
	Virtus	KAR Small Cap Growth Fund	**	177,281
	Dodge & Cox	International Stock Fund	**	100,185
	Vanguard	Small Cap Index Fund	**	87,318
	Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund	**	79,018
	Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Fund	**	77,812
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2010 Fund	**	41,879
	Total Mutual Funds			24,484,940
	Wells Fargo	Blackrock S&P MidCap Index Fund	**	3,101,148
	Wells Fargo	Galliard Stable Return Fund	**	2,255,548
	Wells Fargo	Blackrock S&P 500 Index Fund	**	1,267,469
	Total Common Collective Trust Funds			6,624,165
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates of 4.25% to 9.5%	**	1,216,113
				\$ 32,325,218

The above information has been certified by the trustee as complete and accurate.

* Indicates a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

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

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

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

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 PLAN NUMBER 001
 PLAN YEAR 07/01/2023 TO 06/30/2024

(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
	Wells Fargo	Registered Investment Company Allspring Spec Sm Cp Val Inst	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,357,575.10
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company Am Fds EuroPacific Grth R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 592,212.52
	Dreyfus Funds	Registered Investment Company BNYM Dynamic Value I Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,086,605.80
	Dodge and Cox Funds	Registered Investment Company Dodge & Cox Intl Stock I Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 100,190.14
	Fidelity Investments	Registered Investment Company Fidelity Contrafund	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,300,240.26
	SEI TRUST COMPANY	Common/Collective Trust Galliard Stable Return PN	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,255,548.00
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2010 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,797.37
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2015 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 429,433.76
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2020 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,161,285.77
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2025 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,957,883.00
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2030 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,736,321.26
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2035 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,939,310.12
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2040 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,720,017.86
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2045 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,008,474.63
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2050 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,317,363.20

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

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PLAN NUMBER 001

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	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2055 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 949,966.98
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2060 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 585,182.65
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2065 R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 213,726.73
	TIAA Investments	Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Indx Ret Inc R	\$ 0.00	\$ 188,080.67
	SEI TRUST COMPANY	Common/Collective Trust Prin/BR S&P Mid Index CIT N	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,101,148.24
	SEI TRUST COMPANY	Common/Collective Trust Prin/BR S&P 500 Index CIT N	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,267,468.98
	PIMCO Funds	Registered Investment Company PIMCO Total Return Instl Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 377,814.48
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Index Adm Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 87,334.51
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 77,813.33
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vgd Ttl Intl Stk Idx Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 79,023.39
	Virtus	Registered Investment Company Virtus KAR Sm Cap Grwth I Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 177,286.47
*	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 4.25% To 9.50%	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,216,113.00

Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Financial Statements and
Supplemental Schedule
Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023



Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Financial Statements
and Supplemental Schedule
Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Administrator and Participants of the
Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements ("financial statements").

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 ("qualified institution"), provided that the investment information is prepared and certified to by the qualified institution in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").
- the information in the financial statements referred to above 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 a qualified institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the Financial Statements

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, as listed in the accompanying table of contents, 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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental 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 a qualified institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Smith Leonard PLLC

High Point, North Carolina
December 16, 2024

Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>June 30,</i>	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 24,484,940	\$ 20,540,657
Common collective trust funds	6,624,165	6,181,029
Total investments at fair value	31,109,105	26,721,686
Notes receivable from participants	1,216,113	1,113,314
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 32,325,218	\$ 27,835,000

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>Year ended June 30,</i>	2024	2023
Additions		
Investment income:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 432,738	\$ 353,362
Net appreciation in value of investments	3,277,381	2,252,598
Total investment income	3,710,119	2,605,960
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	84,858	53,736
Contributions:		
Participant	2,897,809	2,668,441
Employer	673,536	655,208
Rollover	34,508	177,794
Total additions	7,400,830	6,161,139
Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants	2,803,170	3,401,153
Administrative expenses	107,442	84,411
Total deductions	2,910,612	3,485,564
Net increase	4,490,218	2,675,575
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	27,835,000	25,159,425
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ 32,325,218	\$ 27,835,000

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Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of the Plan

The following description of Salem Holding Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Salem Holding Company and related companies Salem Leasing Corporation, Salem Carriers Incorporated, and Salem Global Logistics, Inc. (collectively, the "Company") who have completed six months of service. Employees may begin participation as of the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date on which they meet the eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Contributions

Eligible employees are automatically enrolled at a 2% deferral percentage, which will increase by increments of 1% annually up to a maximum of 10%, unless they elect an alternative deferral percentage or decline participation. Participants may otherwise elect to contribute up to 50% of their pre-tax annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed the limits set by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). Participants who have attained age 50 are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollovers). The Company may make a discretionary matching contribution. The Company made matching contributions equal to 50% of the first 4% of compensation that each participant contributed to the Plan for 2024 and 2023. In addition, the Company may make a discretionary profit sharing contribution. However, no discretionary profit sharing contributions were made in 2024 and 2023.

Effective July 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to allow for after-tax ("Roth") participant contributions.

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Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements through December 16, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that no events have occurred that require adjustments to or additional disclosure in the financial statements.

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3. Certified Investment Information

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at June 30, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Principal Trust Company ("Principal"), the trustee of the Plan.

4. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

5. Income Tax Status

The Plan has adopted a prototype plan document sponsored by Principal Life Insurance Company ("PLIC"). The IRS has determined and informed PLIC by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan has been amended since the date of the determination letter; however, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with applicable provisions of the IRC and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

6. Plan Termination

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

7. Party-in-Interest Transactions

Fees paid by the Plan to PLIC for administrative services were approximately \$94,000 and \$84,000 in 2024 and 2023. Principal is the trustee and recordkeeper as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest.

Fees paid by the Plan to MMA Securities for investment advisory services were approximately \$13,000 in 2024.

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8. Fair Value Measurements

The Plan has adopted Accounting Standards Codification 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" ("ASC 820"), which establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are as follows:

Basis of Fair Value Measurements

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3: Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual funds: Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year-end. The NAV for these investments is a quoted price in an active market and is classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Common collective trust funds: Valued at NAV as determined by the issuer using the estimated fair value of the underlying assets, minus liabilities, which are valued primarily through the use of directly and indirectly observable inputs. As the value of these investments is readily determinable, these funds are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

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 summarizes the investments by level as defined within the fair value hierarchy as of June 30, 2024.

	Investment Assets at Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$24,484,940	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,484,940
Common collective trust funds	-	6,624,165	-	6,624,165
	\$24,484,940	\$ 6,624,165	\$ -	\$ 31,109,105

The following table summarizes the investments by level as defined within the fair value hierarchy as of June 30, 2023.

	Investment Assets at Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$20,540,657	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,540,657
Common collective trust funds	-	6,181,029	-	6,181,029
	\$20,540,657	\$ 6,181,029	\$ -	\$ 26,721,686

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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – June 30, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2030 Fund	**	\$ 4,736,319
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2025 Fund	**	2,957,883
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2040 Fund	**	2,720,017
	Allspring	Special Small Cap Value Fund	**	2,357,568
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2035 Fund	**	1,939,307
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2050 Fund	**	1,317,361
	Fidelity Investments	Contrafund	**	1,300,238
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2020 Fund	**	1,161,284
	BNY Mellon	Dynamic Value Fund	**	1,086,598
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2045 Fund	**	1,008,472
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2055 Fund	**	949,965
	American Funds	Europacific Growth Fund	**	592,205
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2060 Fund	**	585,181
	Nuveen	Lifecycle Index 2015 Fund	**	429,431
	PIMCO	Total Return Fund	**	377,813
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2065 Fund	**	213,727
	Nuveen	Lifecycle Index Retirement Income Fund	**	188,078
	Virtus	KAR Small Cap Growth Fund	**	177,281
	Dodge & Cox	International Stock Fund	**	100,185
	Vanguard	Small Cap Index Fund	**	87,318
	Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund	**	79,018
	Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Fund	**	77,812
	TIAA-CREF	Lifecycle Index 2010 Fund	**	41,879
	Total Mutual Funds			24,484,940
	Wells Fargo	Blackrock S&P MidCap Index Fund	**	3,101,148
	Wells Fargo	Galliard Stable Return Fund	**	2,255,548
	Wells Fargo	Blackrock S&P 500 Index Fund	**	1,267,469
	Total Common Collective Trust Funds			6,624,165
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates of 4.25% to 9.5%	**	1,216,113
				\$ 32,325,218

The above information has been certified by the trustee as complete and accurate.

* Indicates a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

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

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