

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 04/01/2023 and ending 03/31/2024	
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 MERRICK & COMPANY 401(K) AND ESOP
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004
1c	Effective date of plan 04/01/1983
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) MERRICK & COMPANY 5970 GREENWOOD PLAZA BLVD. GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0499702
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 303-751-0741
2d	Business code (see instructions) 541330

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.	01/08/2025	STEVE BETTS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 1299
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) 879 6a(2) 962 6b 0 6c 452 6d 1414 6e 12 6f 1426 6g(1) 1277 6g(2) 1404 6h 48
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 2H 2I 2J 2K 2O 2S 2T 3I

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 04/01/2023 and ending 03/31/2024		
A Name of plan MERRICK & COMPANY 401(K) AND ESOP	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERRICK & COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0499702	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.
94-1733782

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB BANK
82-3967259

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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)

MILLIMAN, INC.

91-0675641

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 17 36 38 50 59 64 70	NONE	203414	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

COOK STREET CONSULTING

84-0854432

(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	NONE	44669	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

PRAIRIE CAPITAL ADVISORS

36-4072641

(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?
34 50	NONE	27250	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

PLANTE & MORAN, PPL

38-1357951

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	NONE	20800	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

SHERMAN & HOWARD, L.L.C.

84-0420314

(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?
29	NONE	69	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CHARLES SCHWABTRUST BANK

82-3967259

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
19 21 25 59 62	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	14307	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:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 04/01/2023 and ending 03/31/2024		
A Name of plan MERRICK & COMPANY 401(K) AND ESOP	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERRICK & COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0499702	

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	349423	548162
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	6900883	10027658
(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)	4807519	4442499
(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)	868573	1013915
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(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)	91078420	116157926
(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)	37289136	50355496
(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	141293954	182545656
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	141293954	182545656

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)	6042158	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	9105130	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	2185162	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	3985500	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		21317950
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)	62920	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		62920
(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)	3567284	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		3567284
(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)	9861364	
(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)		
(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)		16311895
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		51121413

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	9571070	
(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)		9571070
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		2439
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	203414	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	20800	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	71919	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	69	
(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)		296202
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		9869711

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		41251702
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: **PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC**

(2) EIN: **38-1357951**

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?	☒		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 04/01/2023 and ending 03/31/2024					
A Name of plan MERRICK & COMPANY 401(K) AND ESOP				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERRICK & COMPANY				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0499702	
Part I Distributions					
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.					
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....				1	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 82-3967256					
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.					
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year				3	
Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)					
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.					
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.					
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)				6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....				6b	
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)				6c	
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.					
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
Part III Amendments					
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No					
Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.					
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No					
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☒ No					
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No					
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☒ Yes ☐ No					
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.				Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707	

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☐ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☒ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702377A</u> .	

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator and Board of Trustees
Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee
Stock Ownership Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of March 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended March 31, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of March 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended March 31, 2024 stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits 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.

To the Plan Administrator and Board of Trustees
Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee
Stock Ownership Plan

Emphasis of Matter

As explained in Note 3, the financial statements include investments valued at approximately \$50,356,000 (28 percent of net assets) at March 31, 2024 and \$37,289,000 (27 percent of net assets) at March 31, 2023, whose fair values have been estimated by management in the absence of readily determinable market values. Management's estimates are based on information provided by Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc., and, therefore, these investments are not certified (see Note 6). Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audits* 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 audits conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing audits in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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Accordingly, the objective of the 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 audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audits.

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of March 31, 2024 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplemental 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 audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

Plante & Moran, PLLC

Denver, Colorado
November 22, 2024

Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Financial Report
March 31, 2024

Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

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

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of March 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended March 31, 2024 stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits 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.

To the Plan Administrator and Board of Trustees
Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee
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Emphasis of Matter

As explained in Note 3, the financial statements include investments valued at approximately \$50,356,000 (28 percent of net assets) at March 31, 2024 and \$37,289,000 (27 percent of net assets) at March 31, 2023, whose fair values have been estimated by management in the absence of readily determinable market values. Management's estimates are based on information provided by Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc., and, therefore, these investments are not certified (see Note 6). Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audits* 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 audits conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing audits in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

To the Plan Administrator and Board of Trustees
Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee
Stock Ownership Plan

Accordingly, the objective of the 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 audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audits.

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of March 31, 2024 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplemental 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 audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

Plante & Moran, PLLC

Denver, Colorado
November 22, 2024

Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	March 31, 2024 and 2023	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Participant-directed investments at fair value:		
Money market fund	\$ 3,594,121	\$ 4,025,499
Mutual funds	<u>116,157,926</u>	<u>91,078,420</u>
Total participant-directed investments at fair value	119,752,047	95,103,919
Non-participant-directed investments at fair value:		
Money market fund	848,378	782,020
Merrick & Company common stock	<u>50,355,496</u>	<u>37,289,136</u>
Total non-participant-directed investments at fair value	<u>51,203,874</u>	<u>38,071,156</u>
Total investments at fair value	170,955,921	133,175,075
Contributions receivable:		
Employer discretionary matching contributions - 401(k)	1,521,079	1,370,409
Employer discretionary matching contributions - ESOP	1,521,079	1,370,409
ESOP discretionary contributions	<u>6,985,500</u>	<u>4,160,065</u>
Total contributions receivable	10,027,658	6,900,883
Participant notes receivable	1,013,915	868,573
Cash	<u>548,162</u>	<u>349,423</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 182,545,656</u>	<u>\$ 141,293,954</u>

Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended March 31, 2024

Additions

Contributions:	
Employee	\$ 9,105,130
Employer:	
Employer discretionary matching contributions - 401(k)	1,521,079
Employer discretionary matching contributions - ESOP	1,521,079
ESOP discretionary contributions	<u>6,985,500</u>
Total employer	10,027,658
Rollovers	<u>2,185,162</u>
Total contributions	21,317,950
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	3,567,284
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	<u>26,173,259</u>
Total investment income	29,740,543
Interest from participant notes receivable	<u>62,920</u>
Total additions	51,121,413

Deductions

Distributions to participants and beneficiaries	9,573,509
Administrative fees	<u>296,202</u>
Total deductions	<u>9,869,711</u>

Net Increase 41,251,702

Net Assets Available for Benefits

Beginning of year	<u>141,293,954</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 182,545,656</u></u>

Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

March 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was established by Merrick & Company (the "Company") effective April 1, 1983 and has since been amended and restated. The Plan was established for the benefit of the Company's employees and their beneficiaries under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan was most recently amended on February 1, 2023. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The board of directors of the Company has appointed a board of trustees to administer the Plan and act as the trustee. Charles Schwab Trust Bank (the "Custodian") provides custodial and accounting services. Accounting and record keeping for participant accounts are performed by Milliman, Inc. (Milliman). Cook Street Consulting provides investment consulting services and is a co-fiduciary to the 401(k) portion of the Plan.

The Plan is available to all employees who are not leased, nonresident aliens, interns, on call, or covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Employees are generally eligible to participate on the first day of the month coinciding with or next following one month of continuous employment, provided that such employees are still employed by the Company as of such date.

Contributions

The Plan provides for employee pretax salary deferral contributions up to a maximum of 100 percent of annual eligible compensation subject to maximum tax-deferred limitations established by the IRC. The Plan allows participants to contribute up to 100 percent of their eligible compensation on an after-tax Roth basis. Participants may also make contributions to the Plan in the form of a rollover of funds from another qualified plan. Newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled at 4 percent of eligible compensation unless they opt out.

The Company may make annual discretionary ESOP contributions and profit-sharing contributions to the Plan, as approved by the Company's board of directors. For the year ended March 31, 2024, the Company's board of directors approved discretionary ESOP contributions totaling \$3,000,000 for the year. In addition, the Company's board of directors approved a discretionary ESOP contribution of 50,000 shares of company stock, with a total fair value of \$3,985,500, to the Plan for the year ended March 31, 2024. There were no profit-sharing contributions for the plan year ended March 31, 2024. Allocation of the discretionary ESOP contribution to participants is pro rata based on total eligible compensation defined in the plan document.

The Company may also make discretionary matching contributions. For the year ended March 31, 2024, the Company made discretionary matching contributions equal to 100 percent of participants' contributions up to the first 3 percent of eligible compensation deferred. The Company's contributions are allocated 50 percent toward the elective participant-directed investment options and 50 percent toward the non-participant-directed money market fund.

Participant Notes Receivable

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their account balances. The notes receivable are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that range from 4.25 percent to 9.5 percent, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates determined periodically by the plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through regular payroll deductions.

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Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)

Participant Accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's discretionary non-ESOP contributions and plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses and losses. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each plan year with an allocation of the Company's discretionary ESOP contributions and forfeitures. Only those participants who are eligible employees as of the last day of the plan year will receive an allocation.

Benefit Payments

Distributions of all account balances are payable upon retirement, death, disability, or termination of employment. The participant-directed balances are paid out in the form of a lump-sum amount equal to the participants' vested account balances. The non-participant-directed balances can be paid out in the form of a lump-sum amount or installments equal to the participants' vested account balances. Distributions from the non-participant-directed component of the Plan are paid in cash to terminated employees, subject to certain limitations and restrictions, in accordance with the plan document, as amended. Terminated employees with vested balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be required to take full rollover distributions into individual retirement accounts (IRA) unless they elect to receive such distributions in cash. Terminated employees with vested balances less than \$1,000 are required to take cash distributions unless a rollover to an IRA or qualified retirement plan is elected. Terminated employees with vested balances greater than \$5,000 will elect when to take distributions subject to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) minimum distribution rules and plan document provisions.

Participants may request that all or a portion of their allowable accounts be distributed in the case of financial hardship, as defined in the plan document. The plan administrator must approve any such hardship withdrawals.

The Plan also allows for in-service distributions at age 59½ from a participant's deferral and discretionary match balances.

Vesting

Participants are immediately 100 percent vested in their 401(k) contributions, rollover contributions, any discretionary employer matching contributions, any discretionary profit-sharing contributions, and earnings and losses on these balances at all times. Vesting in the Company's discretionary ESOP contributions and allocated forfeitures, plus actual earnings thereon, is based on years of service.

The Company's discretionary ESOP contributions and allocated forfeitures, if any, vest according to a cliff vesting schedule and are 100 percent vested after three years.

Forfeitures

If a participant is not fully vested on his or her termination date, the Plan will hold the unvested balance for up to five years after a participant terminates. After five years, the nonvested amount of the account is forfeited. The Company allocates forfeitures to participants in the same manner as the discretionary ESOP contributions. At March 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited account balances totaled \$228,618 and \$175,974, respectively. Forfeitures reallocated to participants during the year ended March 31, 2024 totaled \$58,182.

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Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)

Voting Rights

With respect to any corporate matter that involves the voting of shares held in the Plan's trust at a shareholder meeting and constitutes a merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, sale of substantially all assets of a trade or business, or similar transaction specified in regulations under Section 409(e)(3) of the IRC, each participant will be entitled to direct the board of trustees with respect to the vote of the shares of company common stock allocated to his or her account. For all other purposes, all shares of company common stock held in the Plan's trust shall be voted in a manner determined by the board of trustees.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investments in company common stock into investments that are more diversified. A participant who is at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of his or her account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a 6-year period. In each of the first 5 years, a participant may diversify up to 25 percent of the number of shares allocated to his or her account. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50 percent. Participants who elect to diversify may transfer the proceeds from their company common stock into one or more of the investments offered in the Plan.

Party-in-interest Transactions

The plan investments include shares of company common stock. The Company is the Plan's sponsor; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan also provides for loans to participants, which are party-in-interest transactions that are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules.

Termination

While 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 set forth in the plan document and ERISA. Upon termination of the Plan, all amounts credited to the participants' accounts shall become 100 percent vested and payable to participants in accordance with plan provisions.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value.

The money market fund and mutual funds are valued based on quoted market prices reported in active markets. See Note 3 for additional information.

The Merrick & Company common stock's fair value is determined annually by an independent appraiser. There have been no changes in the methodologies used to determine the fair value at March 31, 2024 and 2023. This appraisal was based upon a combination of the market and income valuation techniques consistent with prior years. The appraiser took into account historical and projected cash flow and net income, return on assets, return on equity, market comparables, and fair value of company assets and liabilities. The appraisal also includes a discount for lack of marketability.

The preceding methods 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.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis, and interest is recorded on the accrual basis, when applicable. Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date. Net realized and unrealized losses on investments are reflected in the fair value of the stock and allocated on a per share basis, as defined by the Plan.

Participant Notes Receivable

Participant notes receivable are recorded at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued interest. Participant notes receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

The Company provides, at no cost to the Plan, certain administrative, accounting, and legal services to the Plan and also pays the cost of certain outside services for the Plan.

Put Option

Under federal income tax regulations, company common stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its common stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the fair market value of the company common stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period of five years. There were no benefit payments requested but not paid for the year ended March 31, 2024 related to this arrangement. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participants have the ability to ultimately obtain cash. The Company is permitted to make ESOP distributions in the form of cash rather than in company common stock, subject to a put option in light of the ownership restriction in the Company's articles of incorporation and bylaws limiting ownership of shares of company common stock primarily to employees and the ESOP.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. The most significant assumptions and estimates relate to the valuation of company common stock. Application of these assumptions requires the exercise of judgment as to future uncertainties, and, as a result, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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 changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Concentration of Investments

At March 31, 2024 and 2023, one investment, the Merrick & Company common stock, accounted for 29 percent and 28 percent, respectively, of total investments at fair value and 28 percent and 27 percent, respectively, of net assets. During the year ended March 31, 2024, one investment, the Merrick & Company common stock, accounted for 33 percent of total investment income. A significant change in the market value of these investments would significantly affect the net assets available for benefits and related investment income of the Plan.

Subsequent Events

The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events up through and including November 22, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements

Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the financial statements and provide a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value.

Level 1

Fair values determined by Level 1 inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2

Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset.

Level 3

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset. These Level 3 fair value measurements are based primarily on management's own estimates using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques taking into account the characteristics of the asset.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Plan's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset.

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at
March 31, 2024

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Investments (at Fair Value)
Mutual funds	\$ 116,157,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,157,926
Money market fund	4,442,499	-	-	4,442,499
Merrick & Company common stock	-	-	50,355,496	50,355,496
Total	<u>\$ 120,600,425</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 50,355,496</u>	<u>\$ 170,955,921</u>

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Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at March 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Investments (at Fair Value)
Mutual funds	\$ 91,078,420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,078,420
Money market fund	4,807,519	-	-	4,807,519
Merrick & Company common stock	-	-	37,289,136	37,289,136
Total	<u>\$ 95,885,939</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 37,289,136</u>	<u>\$ 133,175,075</u>

There were no unfunded commitments or redemption restrictions on the investments described above.

There were no purchases, sales, or transfers of Level 3 investments during the years ended March 31, 2024 and 2023.

Note 4 - Non-participant-directed Investments

The significant components of the changes in net assets relating to non-participant-directed investments for the year ended March 31, 2024 were as follows:

Changes in net assets:	
Employer discretionary ESOP contributions	\$ 955,065
Employer discretionary matching ESOP contributions	1,370,409
Fair value of 50,000 shares of contributed company stock	3,205,000
Allocated forfeitures	11,762
Unrealized and realized gain	9,861,364
Benefits paid directly to participants	(106,231)
Interest and dividend income	72,672
Net transfers out to participant-directed investments	(2,235,852)
Administrative fees	(1,471)
Total	<u>\$ 13,132,718</u>

Note 5 - Investments in Common Stock

The Plan's company common stock at March 31, 2024 and 2023 is presented in the following table:

	2024	2023
Number of shares	631,734	581,734
Fair value	\$ 50,355,496	\$ 37,289,136

Note 6 - Certified Information

The Custodian holds the Plan's investments, except for the Merrick & Company common stock, and executes all related transactions. The investment balances, except for the Merrick & Company common stock, and related income and losses included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year are based solely on information certified by the Custodian.

The Plan's investments in Merrick & Company common stock totaling \$50,355,496 and \$37,289,136 at March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and related income of \$9,861,360 for the year ended March 31, 2024 were not certified by the Custodian.

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Note 7 - Tax Status

The Plan uses a preapproved plan. The preapproved plan has received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service indicating that the Plan, as designed, is qualified for federal income tax-exempt status. The Plan has not individually sought its own determination letter.

Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year

Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4i
 EIN 84-0499702, Plan No. 004
 March 31, 2024

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Non-participant-directed investments:		
Merrick & Company**	Merrick & company common stock	\$17,316,682	\$ 50,355,496
Vanguard	U.S. Treasury money fund - ESOP	848,378	848,378
	Total non-participant-directed investments		51,203,874
	Participant-directed investments - Mutual funds:		
Vanguard	Institutional Index Fund	*	25,970,035
Vanguard	Extended Market Index Fund	*	8,172,346
Vanguard	Target Retirement 2030 Fund	*	6,161,737
Vanguard	Target Retirement 2050 Fund	*	5,901,572
Vanguard	Target Retirement 2035 Fund	*	5,790,694
Vanguard	Target Retirement 2040 Fund	*	5,424,730
Vanguard	Target Retirement 2020 Fund	*	4,758,383
Vanguard	Explorer Fund Admiral Shares	*	4,334,806
Vanguard	Target Retirement 2045 Fund	*	4,332,033
Vanguard	Windsor II Admiral Shares	*	4,195,644
Vanguard	Target Retirement 2055 Fund	*	4,132,287
Vanguard	Target Retirement 2025 Fund	*	3,052,933
Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund	*	2,795,803
Vanguard	Target Retirement 2060 Fund	*	2,000,376
Vanguard	Short-Term Bond Index Fund Admiral Shares	*	1,528,238
Vanguard	Inflation Protected Securities Fund	*	1,458,187
Vanguard	Target Retirement Income Index Fund	*	1,304,488
Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Fund	*	1,106,179
Vanguard	Target Retirement 2065 Fund	*	675,908
Vanguard	Total International Bond Index Fund	*	399,649
Pioneer	Fundamental Growth Fund	*	7,558,987
American Funds	Europacific Growth Fund	*	4,496,901
Dodge & Cox	Balanced Fund	*	3,541,291
Metropolitan West	Total Return Bond Plan Fund	*	3,152,829
American Beacon	Small Cap Value Fund	*	1,744,700
PIMCO	High-Yield Fund	*	1,224,359
DFA	Global Real Estate Securities Portfolio Fund	*	942,831
	Total participant-directed investments - Mutual funds		116,157,926
Vanguard	Participant-directed investments - Treasury money market fund	*	3,594,121
Participants**	Participant notes receivable bearing interest at 4.25 to 9.5 percent, maturing through April 2038, and secured by participants' vested account balances	-	1,013,915
	Total		<u>\$ 171,969,836</u>

*Cost information not required

**Indicates party in interest

Merrick & Company 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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Participants**	Participant notes receivable bearing interest at 4.25 to 9.5 percent, maturing through April 2038, and secured by participants' vested account balances	-	1,013,915
	Total		<u><u>\$ 171,969,836</u></u>

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**Indicates party in interest

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		04/01/2023	and ending
			03/31/2024
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☒ a single-employer plan	☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☐ a DFE (specify) ____	
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ an amended return/report	☐ the final 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 ☐ special extension (enter description)	☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program	
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 MERRICK & COMPANY 401(k) AND ESOP		1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004	1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1983
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) MERRICK & COMPANY 5970 GREENWOOD PLAZA BLVD. GREENWOOD VILLAGE CO 80111		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0499702 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (303) 751-0741 2d Business code (see instructions) 541330	

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		1/9/2025	Steven J. Betts
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
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	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
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	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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