# 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.**

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**2023**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

## Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

**A** This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [X] 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) ____

**B** This return/report is:
- [ ] 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
- [X] 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
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**1c** Effective date of plan 01/01/2000

**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)
LINDEN TRADING COMPANY, INC.

770 THE CITY DRIVE SOUTH
SUITE 2500
ORANGE, CA 92868

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
33-0224825

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number
714-687-6656

**2d** Business code (see instructions)
424100

**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. | 01/24/2025 | LIAN YI |
| | **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 [X] 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

**4b** EIN

**c** Plan Name

**4d** PN

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|---|---|---|---|
| **5** | Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | **5** | 754 |
| **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 | **6a(1)** | 536 |
| **a(2)** | Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | **6a(2)** | 585 |
| **b** | Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | **6b** | 0 |
| **c** | Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | **6c** | 279 |
| **d** | Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**. | **6d** | 864 |
| **e** | Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. | **6e** | 0 |
| **f** | Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**. | **6f** | 864 |
| **g(1)** | Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g(1)** | 481 |
| **g(2)** | Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g(2)** | 542 |
| **h** | Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | **6h** | 0 |
| **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 2G 2J 2S 2T 3D 3H

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

**9a** Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [X] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [X] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

**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)** [X] **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)** [X] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

# SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

## Insurance Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2023**

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**A** Name of plan
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
LINDEN TRADING COMPANY, INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
33-0224825

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

**1** Coverage Information:

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (U.S.A.) (JOHN HANCOCK USA)

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 01-0233346 | 65838 | 70447 | | 01/01/2023 | 12/31/2023 |

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

| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
|---|---|
| 2369 | 1475 |

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

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

PENSION BENEFITS UNLIMITED, INC.
18008 SKY PARK CIRCLE
SUITE 2500
IRVINE, CA 92614

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | (e) Organization code |
| | 1475 | TPA FEES PAID AND COMPENSATION | 5 |

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

COMPENSATION CONSULTANTS, INC.
44-700 VILLAGE COURT
SUITE 200
PALM DESERT, CA 92260

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | (e) Organization code |
| 2369 | | COMMISSIONS | 3 |

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

| **(b)** Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | **(e)** Organization code |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **(c)** Amount | **(d)** Purpose | |
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## Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end | 5 | |

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **b** | Premiums paid to carrier | 6b | |
| **c** | Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year | 6c | |
| **d** | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. | 6d | |

Specify nature of costs ▶

**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☒ other (specify) ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **b** | Balance at the end of the previous year | | | 7b | 0 |
| **c** | Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | | | |
| | (2) Dividends and credits | 7c(2) | | | |
| | (3) Interest credited during the year | 7c(3) | | | |
| | (4) Transferred from separate account | 7c(4) | | | |
| | (5) Other (specify below) | 7c(5) | | | |
| | ▶ | | | | |
| | (6) Total additions | | | 7c(6) | 0 |
| **d** | Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) | | | 7d | 0 |
| **e** | Deductions: | | | | |
| | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | | | |
| | (2) Administration charge made by carrier | 7e(2) | | | |
| | (3) Transferred to separate account | 7e(3) | | | |
| | (4) Other (specify below) | 7e(4) | | | |
| | ▶ | | | | |
| | (5) Total deductions | | | 7e(5) | 0 |
| **f** | Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) | | | 7f | 0 |

## Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **9** Experience-rated contracts: | | | | |
| **a** Premiums: (1) Amount received | **9a(1)** | | | |
| (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | **9a(2)** | | | |
| (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | **9a(3)** | | | |
| (4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**) | | | **9a(4)** | 0 |
| **b** Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | **9b(1)** | | | |
| (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | **9b(2)** | | | |
| (3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**) | | | **9b(3)** | 0 |
| (4) Claims charged | | | **9b(4)** | |
| **c** Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | | |
| (A) Commissions | **9c(1)(A)** | | | |
| (B) Administrative service or other fees | **9c(1)(B)** | | | |
| (C) Other specific acquisition costs | **9c(1)(C)** | | | |
| (D) Other expenses | **9c(1)(D)** | | | |
| (E) Taxes | **9c(1)(E)** | | | |
| (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | **9c(1)(F)** | | | |
| (G) Other retention charges | **9c(1)(G)** | | | |
| (H) Total retention | | | **9c(1)(H)** | 0 |
| (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.) | | | **9c(2)** | |
| **d** Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | | **9d(1)** | |
| (2) Claim reserves | | | **9d(2)** | |
| (3) Other reserves | | | **9d(3)** | |
| **e** Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.) | | | **9e** | |
| **10** Nonexperience-rated contracts: | | | | |
| **a** Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | | | **10a** | |
| **b** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | | | **10b** | |

Specify nature of costs.

## Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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

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**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
33-0224825

## Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

### 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).. . . . . [X] 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

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

01-0233346

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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)

LPL FINANCIAL LLC - RPCP

04-3046611

| (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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | IRA | 27188 | Yes [X] No [ ] | Yes [X] No [ ] | 0 | Yes [X] 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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 28 59 60 62 63 67 68 | RECORDKEEPER | 1130 | Yes [X] No [ ] | Yes [X] No [ ] | 0 | Yes [X] 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. | |
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| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
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|---|---|---|
| | | |
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| | | |

## Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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|---|---|---|
| | | |

## Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

**a** Name:

**b** EIN:

**c** Position:

**d** Address:

**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

**a** Name:

**b** EIN:

**c** Position:

**d** Address:

**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

**a** Name:

**b** EIN:

**c** Position:

**d** Address:

**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

**a** Name:

**b** EIN:

**c** Position:

**d** Address:

**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

**a** Name:

**b** EIN:

**c** Position:

**d** Address:

**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

# SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

# DFE/Participating Plan Information

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RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
LINDEN TRADING COMPANY, INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
33-0224825

## Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2065 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 147347 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2060 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 239646 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2055 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 285218 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2050 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 506807 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2045 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 478018 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2040 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 373158 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2035 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 529657 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2030 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 913262 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2025 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 282571 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2020 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3509 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2010 TD

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 45129 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER AGGRESSIVE LS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 305920 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER GROWTH LS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 678860 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER BALANCED LS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 597446 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER MODERATE LS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 126007 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER CONSERV LS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 50897 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EATON VANCE ATLANTA SMID-CAP

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 155748 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO DEVELOPING MARKETS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 39282 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO SMALL CAP GROWTH

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 160968 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCI

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 379874 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SCI & TECH

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 1287948 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SML CAP VAL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 103766 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: THRIVENT MID CAP STOCK FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 114737 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: UNDISCOVERED MGR BEHAVIORAL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 23747 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD MID-CAP VALUE ETF

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 53737 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD STRATEGIC EQUITY FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 47080 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-0233346-000 | P | 644515 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL WORLD GROWTH & INCOME

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4309 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPAC GROWTH

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 101810 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 596292 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HARTFORD SCHRODERS INTL MCV

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 10363 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH DISCIPLINED VALUE INTL FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 33743 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MFS VALUE FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 153230 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PARNASSUS CORE EQUITY FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 78179 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AF AMERICAN BALANCED FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 53073 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ALLSPRING CORE BOND FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 29330 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA INFLATION-PROTECTED SEC

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7784 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LORD ABBETT BOND DEBENTURE

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 80808 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MONEY MARKET FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 351492 |
|---|---|---|

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SHORT-TERM FEDERAL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

| **c** EIN-PN 01-0233346-000 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 45447 |
|---|---|---|

**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) |
|---|---|---|

**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) |
|---|---|---|

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

| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
|---|---|

**a** Plan name

| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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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

**2023**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

**A** Name of plan
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
LINDEN TRADING COMPANY, INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
33-0224825

## 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 reported 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) | 73241 | 73241 |
| **(2)** Participant contributions | 1b(2) | 40655 | 3700 |
| **(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) | 181831 | 273879 |
| **(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) | 8128398 | 10120719 |
| **(14)** Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | 0 | 0 |
| **(15)** Other | 1c(15) | | |

| | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1d** Employer-related investments: | | | |
| **(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 | 8424125 | 10471539 |
| **Liabilities** | | | |
| **g** Benefit claims payable | 1g | | |
| **h** Operating payables | 1h | | |
| **i** Acquisition indebtedness | 1i | | |
| **j** Other liabilities | 1j | 62195 | 94942 |
| **k** Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j) | 1k | 62195 | 94942 |
| **Net Assets** | | | |
| **l** Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) | 1l | 8361930 | 10376597 |

## 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) | | |
| **(B)** Participants | 2a(1)(B) | 1365589 | |
| **(C)** Others (including rollovers) | 2a(1)(C) | 97326 | |
| **(2)** Noncash contributions | 2a(2) | | |
| **(3)** Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)** | 2a(3) | | 1462915 |
| **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) | 14626 | |
| **(F)** Other | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| **(G)** Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)** | 2b(1)(G) | | 14626 |
| **(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) | | |
| **(D)** Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)** | 2b(2)(D) | | 0 |
| **(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) | | 0 |
| **(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) | | 0 |

| | | (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) | | 1455831 |
| **(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) | | |
| **c** Other income | 2c | | |
| **d** Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 2933372 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| **e** Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| **(1)** Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 852679 | |
| **(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) | | 852679 |
| **f** Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| **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) | 28663 | |
| **(3)** Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | 37363 | |
| **(4)** IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| **(5)** Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| **(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) | | 66026 |
| **j** Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 918705 |
| **Net Income and Reconciliation** | | | |
| **k** Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d** | 2k | | 2014667 |
| **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)** [X] 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)** [X] 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: PENSION ASSURANCE LLP **(2)** EIN: 30-0840934

**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.) | **4a** | X | | 2843286 |
| **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.) | **4b** | | X | |
| **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.) | **4c** | | X | |
| **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.) | **4d** | | X | |
| **e** Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | **4e** | X | | 500000 |
| **f** Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | **4f** | | X | |
| **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? | **4g** | | X | |
| **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? | **4h** | | X | |
| **i** Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | **4i** | X | | |
| **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.) | **4j** | | X | |
| **k** Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | **4k** | | X | |
| **l** Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | **4l** | | X | |
| **m** If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | **4m** | | X | |
| **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. | **4n** | | | |

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] 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) |
|---|---|---|
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| | | |

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

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

# SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

## Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2023**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

**A** Name of plan
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
LINDEN TRADING COMPANY, INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
33-0224825

## 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): 01-0233346

**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**

## 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):

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**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): _____

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**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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**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

**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

**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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703267A .

| SCHEDULE MEP (Form 5500) | MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER RETIREMENT PLAN INFORMATION | OMB No. 1210-0110 |
|---|---|---|
| Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration | 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)<br><br>▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.** | **2023**<br><br>**This Form is Open to Public Inspection** |

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

| | |
|---|---|
| **A** Name of plan<br>RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN | **B** Three-digit Plan number (PN) ..... ▶ 001 |
| **C** Plan administrator's name as shown on line 3a of Form 5500/Form 5500-SF<br>LINDEN TRADING COMPANY, INC. | **D** Administrator's EIN<br>33-0224825 |

## Part I Type of Multiple-Employer Pension Plan. All multiple-employer pension plans must complete.

**1 Check the appropriate box to indicate type of multiple-employer pension plan. (Only defined contribution plans may check lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. Defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans not checking lines 1a, 1b, or 1c should check line 1d. See Instructions).**

- **a** ☐ association retirement plan (See 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- **b** ☐ professional employer organization plan (PEO Plan) (See 29 CFR 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- **c** ☐ pooled employer plan (PEP) (See 29 CFR 2510.3-44) (Complete Parts II and III)
- **d** ☒ other multiple-employer pension plan (Describe) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION MEP (Complete Part II)

## Part II Participating Employer Information.

**2** All multiple-employer pension plans that are subject to section 210(a) of ERISA (see instructions for filing the Form 5500) must complete Part II, in addition to Part I, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information for each employer participating in the multiple-employer pension plan. **Defined contribution plans must complete lines 2a-2d. All other multiple-employer pension plans complete lines 2a-2c only. Complete as many entries as needed to list the required information for each participating employer that is not an individual person (see instructions).**

| **2a** Name of Participating Employer | **2b** EIN | **2c** Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year | **2d** Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer |
|---|---|---|---|
| LINDEN TRADING COMPANY, INC | 33-0224825 | 1.33 | 21462 |
| **2a** Name of Participating Employer | **2b** EIN | **2c** Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year | **2d** Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer |
| CHARTA GLOBAL, INC. | 27-4753566 | 10.46 | 1043405 |

**CAUTION** Do not individually list information for working owners (see instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-55(d)(2)) or other individuals who are participants or beneficiaries in the plan or arrangement that are no longer associated with a particular participating employer or participating employer plan (see instructions). Providing identifying information for individuals may result in rejection of this filing. If there are any such individuals in the plan, answer "Yes" to line 2e and provide the total information for all such individuals, without providing names or other identifying information.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2e** | Does the plan include any individuals not participating through an employer or who are individual working owners? | **2e** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| **2f** | If you answer "Yes" in line 2e, enter a good faith estimate of the percentage of total contributions made by all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a during the plan year. | **2f** | |
| **2g** | If you answer "Yes" in Line 2e, enter the aggregate account balances for all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a. | **2g** | |

## Part II Participating Employer Information (Continued).

**Use this page for additional participating employer information.**

**2** All multiple-employer pension plans that are subject to section 210(a) of ERISA (see instructions for filing the Form 5500) must complete Part II, in addition to Part I, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information for each employer participating in the multiple-employer pension plan**.**

**Defined contribution plans must complete lines 2a-2d. All other multiple-employer pension plans complete lines 2a-2c only. Complete as many entries as needed to list the required information for each participating employer that is not an individual person (see instructions).**

| 2a Name of Participating Employer | 2b EIN | 2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year | 2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer |
|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL PAPER SERVICES, INC. | 77-0653175 | 5.29 | 967226 |
| SOLARIS PAPER, INC. | 35-2264333 | 60.54 | 5419236 |
| MERCURY PAPER, INC. | 39-2069886 | 18.91 | 2109455 |
| AMERICAN TISSUE INDUSTRIES, LLC | 82-1935002 | 3.47 | 115385 |
| OASIS BRANDS, INC. | 27-1357560 | 0.00 | 0 |
| UNKNOWN | 33-0224825 | 0.00 | 718429 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
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## Part III Pooled Employer Plan Information

**Line 3.** All Pooled employer plans must answer all of the questions in Part III, in addition to completing all of Parts I and II.

**3a** Is the pooled plan provider (identified as the plan sponsor and administrator in Part II of the Form 5500) currently in compliance with the Form PR (Pooled Plan Provider Registration Statement) requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-44) ☐ Yes ☐ No

**3b** If line 3a is "Yes", enter the ACK ID for the most recent Form PR that was required to be filed under the Form PR filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid ACK ID will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

ACK ID _____

**Retirement Savings Plan**

Financial Statements with Auditor's Report
As of December 31, 2023 and 2022

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Note: Schedules other than those listed above have been omitted because the information is otherwise disclosed, not applicable or is not required by 29 CFR 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the plan administrator and participants of
Retirement Savings Plan:

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

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

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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 Audit of the Financial Statements section

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

***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of 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 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

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

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

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

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

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

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

***Other Matter—2023 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA***

The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 and Schedule H, line 4a—Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the Year Ended December 31, 2023, are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the 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 schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules related to benefits provided under the plan and certified to by a qualified institution or 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).




Agoura Hills, California
January 20, 2025

**Retirement Savings Plan**
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**
**As of December 31, 2023 and 2022**

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Assets: | | |
| Investments, at fair value: | | |
| Pooled separate accounts | $ 10,120,719 | $ 8,128,398 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Participant contributions | 753 | 40,655 |
| Participating employers' corrective contributions (see Note 1b) | 73,241 | 73,241 |
| Notes receivable from participants | 273,879 | 181,831 |
| | 347,873 | 295,727 |
| Total assets | 10,468,592 | 8,424,125 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Excess contributions payable | 94,942 | 62,195 |
| Net assets available for benefits | $ 10,373,650 | $ 8,361,930 |

See accompanying notes.

**Retirement Savings Plan**
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Additions to net assets attributable to: | | |
| Contributions: | | |
| Participant | $ | 1,329,895 |
| Rollover | | 97,326 |
| | | 1,427,221 |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | | 14,626 |
| Investment income: | | |
| Net realized and unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments | | 1,488,578 |
| Total additions | | 2,930,425 |
| Deductions from net assets attributable to: | | |
| Benefits paid to participants | | 852,679 |
| Plan expenses | | 66,026 |
| Total deductions | | 918,705 |
| Net increase | | 2,011,720 |
| Net assets available for benefits: | | |
| Beginning of year | | 8,361,930 |
| End of year | $ | 10,373,650 |

See accompanying notes.

## 1. Plan Description

The following description of Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

### a. General

The Plan, originally effective January 1, 2000, and restated January 1, 2022, is a multiple employer defined contribution plan established by Linden Trading Company Inc., the principal participating employer (Principal Employer).

The following employers have executed adoption agreements and become participating employers in the Plan (Participating Employers): (1) Linden Trading Company Inc.; (2) Total Paper Services Inc.; (3) Mercury Paper Inc.; (4) Solaris Paper Inc.; (5) American Tissue Industries LLC; (6) Charta Global Inc.

The Plan covers all employees of the Participating Employers who have satisfied eligibility requirements based on the respective plan provisions elected by each Participating Employer, excluding certain classes of employees as set forth in the plan document. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

### b. Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 100 percent of annual compensation in pre-tax or Roth deferrals, as defined in the plan document and allowed by law. Participants may also roll over amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. The Plan permits catch-up contributions for participants who have attained age 50 by the end of the plan year. The Plan provides for automatic election of participant contributions at a rate of 3 percent of compensation. Participants may affirmatively elect a different contribution percentage or elect not to defer into the Plan. Participating Employer contributions are discretionary. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Participating Employers made no contributions to the Plan.

As a result of corrective measures, the Participating Employers made qualified nonelective contributions totaling $73,241 for the plan year ending December 31, 2022, of which $73,241 is recorded as a receivable.

### c. Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, allocations of the Participating Employers' contributions, if applicable, and the Plan's earnings and losses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants direct the investment of their accounts into various investment options offered by the Plan.

d. Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Participating Employers' contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of credited service as follows:

| Credited Service | Percent Vested |
|---|---|
| 2 years | 20% |
| 3 years | 40% |
| 4 years | 60% |
| 5 years | 80% |
| 6 years or more | 100% |

e. Distribution of Benefits

Upon termination of employment due to termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, participants may elect to receive the value of their vested account balance in a lump-sum distribution. In-service withdrawal options are available to participants under certain circumstances.

f. Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow the lesser of $50,000 (reduced by the participant's highest outstanding loan balance during the 12-month period ending on the date of the loan) or 50 percent of their vested account balance. Loan terms range up to five years but may be extended if the proceeds are to be used for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at 5.25 to 10.50 percent. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Accounting

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

b. 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, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

c. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are generally recorded on a trade-date basis. As permitted by Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 962-325, *Plan Accounting—Defined Contribution Plans: Investments—Other*, settlement-date basis may be used when (a) the settlement date is after the financial statement date, (b) the fair value of the securities purchased or sold did not change significantly from the trade date to the financial statement date, and (c) the purchases or sales do not significantly affect the composition of the plan's net assets available for benefits.

Net realized and unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

d. Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. These are referred to as participant loans in the Form 5500 and related supplemental schedules. Delinquent loans are treated as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

e. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

f. Plan Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Participating Employers. Expenses that are paid by the Participating Employers are excluded from these financial statements. Plan expenses include fees for certain participant-initiated transactions that are charged directly to the account of the participant who incurred them. Investment-related expenses are included in net realized and unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments.

g. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated the subsequent events through January 20, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## 3. 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 investments, 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 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

## 4. Fair Value Measurement

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

| | |
|---|---|
| Level 1 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access. |
| Level 2 | Inputs to the valuation methodology include<br>• quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;<br>• quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;<br>• inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;<br>• inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.<br>If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. |
| Level 3 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. |

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

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

*Pooled separate accounts:* Carried at fair value using net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient. Valued at the NAV of units held by the Plan at year-end as posted by the fund, which is considered by plan management to be the best approximation of fair value. There are no notable restrictions on the redemption of investments held in the fund.

4. Fair Value Measurement (Continued)

The Plan has identified the following classes of investment for its pooled separate accounts based on the nature and risks of the underlying investments. The following describes the significant investment strategies of each major class of investment.

- U.S. equity: Funds are invested directly and/or indirectly in a diversified portfolio of domestic stocks to achieve a variety of investment goals including capital appreciation, current income, and/or domestic equity index replication.
- International equity: Funds are invested directly and/or indirectly in a diversified portfolio of stocks of companies internationally to achieve a variety of investment goals including capital appreciation, current income, and/or international equity index replication.
- Balanced: Funds are invested in actively managed portfolios of stocks, bonds, other debt securities, money market instruments, and/or other investments, both domestically and internationally, with the goal of achieving a targeted balance of capital preservation, capital appreciation, and current income. Target date funds are designed so that the balance of risk and return is oriented to the target year, which is generally the year the investor expects to retire.
- Fixed income: Some funds in this category are primarily invested in money market instruments and other short-term securities with the goal of maintaining liquidity, investment quality and stability of capital. Other funds in this category invest in debt securities such as bonds, U.S. government and agency securities, mortgage-backed securities, and zero-coupon securities with the goal of current income, capital preservation, and, to a lesser extent, capital appreciation.

The preceding method 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 method is 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.

All of the Plan's investments were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) and, therefore, have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

5. Tax Exempt Status

The Principal Employer has adopted a pre-approved plan document that received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, and the plan administrator believes the Plan has been operated in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Principal Employer routinely self-reviews the administration of the Plan and self-corrects any compliance issues in accordance with the Employee Plan Compliance Resolution System. Accordingly, the plan administrator believes that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC and, accordingly, are exempt from income taxes.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS or other applicable taxing authorities.

5. Tax Exempt Status (Continued)

The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

6. Certified Investment Information

Management has elected to have the audits of the Plan performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), the Insurer of the Plan, has certified that the following investment information is complete and accurate:

- Fair value of investments and the carrying amount of notes receivable from participants as reflected in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Investment income and interest income on notes receivable from participants as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the Year Ended December 31, 2023.
- Investment information reflected in the Schedule H, line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023.

As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), the audit need not extend to any statements or information related to the certified investment information.

7. Party-In-Interest Transactions

John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) is the Insurer of the Plan and holds and manages investments. Transactions with John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) are exempt party-in-interest transactions, as defined by ERISA.

8. Plan Termination

The Principal Employer has the right under the plan document 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 percent vested in their accounts.

9. Excess Contributions Payable

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, liabilities of $94,942 and $62,195, respectively, were recorded for amounts refundable by the Plan to participants for contributions made in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS.

10. Non-Exempt Transactions

Certain participant contributions were not remitted within the maximum period of time permitted by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations and, therefore, constitute the lending of monies from the Plan to the Participating Employers. These non-exempt transactions are detailed in the attached supplemental schedule, Schedule H, line 4a—Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the Year Ended December 31, 2023.

11. Reconciliation to the Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements | $ 10,373,650 | $ 8,361,930 |
| Additional participant contributions receivable | 2,947 | - |
| Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500 | $ 10,376,597 | $ 8,361,930 |

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

| | |
|---|---|
| Net increase per the financial statements | $ 2,011,720 |
| Additional participant contributions receivable | 2,947 |
| Net increase per the Form 5500 | $ 2,014,667 |

**Retirement Savings Plan**
**EIN: 33-0224825 PLAN: 001**
**Schedule H, line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**
**As of December 31, 2023**

| a) | b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | c) Description of Investment | d) Cost | e) Current Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Pooled Separate Accounts:** | | | |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2010 TD | ** | $ 45,129 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2020 TD | ** | 3,509 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2025 TD | ** | 282,571 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2030 TD | ** | 913,262 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2035 TD | ** | 529,657 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2040 TD | ** | 373,158 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2045 TD | ** | 478,019 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2050 TD | ** | 506,807 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2055 TD | ** | 285,218 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2060 TD | ** | 239,646 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2065 TD | ** | 147,347 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Multimanager Conserv LS | ** | 50,898 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Multimanager Moderate LS | ** | 126,007 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Multimanager Balanced LS | ** | 597,446 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Multimanager Growth LS | ** | 678,860 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Multimanager Aggressive LS | ** | 305,920 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Short-Term Federal | ** | 45,447 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Money Market Fund | ** | 351,493 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Lord Abbett Bond Debenture | ** | 80,808 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | DFA Inflation-Protected Sec | ** | 7,785 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Allspring Core Bond Fund | ** | 29,330 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | AF American Balanced Fund | ** | 53,073 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Parnassus Core Equity Fund | ** | 78,179 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | MFS Value Fund | ** | 153,230 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Disciplined Value Intl Fund | ** | 33,743 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Hartford Schroders Intl MCV | ** | 10,364 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Blue Chip Growth Fund | ** | 596,292 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | EuroPacific Growth Fund | ** | 101,810 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Capital World Growth & Income | ** | 4,308 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | 500 Index Fund | ** | 644,515 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Strategic Equity Fund | ** | 47,081 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Mid-Cap Value ETF | ** | 53,737 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Undiscovered Mgr Behavioral | ** | 23,747 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Thrivent Mid Cap Stock Fund | ** | 114,737 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe Price Sml Cap Val | ** | 103,766 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe Price Science & Technology | ** | 1,287,948 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe Price Health Science | ** | 379,874 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Invesco Small Cap Growth | ** | 160,968 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Invesco Developing Mkt | ** | 39,282 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Eaton Vance Atlanta SMID-Cap | ** | 155,748 |
| | | Total pooled separate accounts | | 10,120,719 |
| * | Participant Loans | Loans to participants, bearing interest at rates of 5.25% - 10.50% | ** | 273,879 |
| | | | | $ 10,394,598 |

* Represents a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

** Not applicable for participant directed plans

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes.

**Retirement Savings Plan**
**EIN: 33-0224825 PLAN: 001**
**Schedule H, line 4a—Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions**
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

| Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan | | | Total that Constitute Non-Exempt Prohibited Transactions | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Plan Year | Amount Transferred Late | Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included | Contributions Not Corrected | Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP | Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP | Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51 |
| 2021 | $ 1,021,736 | ✓ | $ 1,021,736 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| 2022 | 1,041,813 | ✓ | 1,041,813 | - | - | - |
| 2023 | 779,737 | ✓ | 779,737 | - | - | - |
| | $ 2,843,286 | | $ 2,843,286 | $ - | $ - | $ - |

* See Note 10 to the financial statements.

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes.

# 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**

## Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

**A** This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [X] 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) ____

**B** This return/report is:
- [ ] 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
- [X] 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
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**1c** Effective date of plan 01/01/2000

**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)

Linden Trading Company, Inc.

770 The City Drive South
Suite 2500
Orange CA 92868

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
33-0224825

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number
714-687-6656

**2d** Business code (see instructions)
424100

**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** | Lian Yi | Jan. 24, 2025 | LIAN YI |
| | **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 |

Filing Authorization
For the 2023 Form 5500 / Form 5500-SF

Plan Name: Retirement Savings Plan

EIN / PN: 33-0224825/001

Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2023

Authorization of Practitioner to Electronically Sign and File

I hereby authorize Pension Benefits Unlimited, Inc. (PBU) to electronically sign and file the above-named return/report through EFAST2. I understand that in granting this authority:

- I/we must manually sign and date the Form 5500/Form 5500-SF and provide a copy of that signature page to PBU before the electronic filing can be initiated;
- PBU will retain a copy of this written authorization in its records;
- PBU will notify the individual(s) signing below as Plan Administrator/Employer about any inquiries and information it receives from EFAST2, DOL, IRS or PBGC regarding this annual return/report; and
- A copy of my signature, as it appears on the Form 5500/5500-SF, will be included with the return/report posted by the Department of Labor on the Internet for public disclosure.
- PBU shall not be deemed an Administrator or other fiduciary with respect to any Plan solely on account of the services performed under this authorization.

This authorization is applicable only to the filing for the above-named Plan and applies only for the Plan year end stated above. (NOTE: PBU may also electronically file Form 8955-SSA, if applicable)

Plan Administrator: _____ Date: Jan. 24, 2025

Employer/Plan Sponsor (if different): _____ Date: _____

**Retirement Savings Plan**
**EIN: 33-0224825 PLAN: 001**
**Schedule H, line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**
**As of December 31, 2023**

| a) | b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | c) Description of Investment | d) Cost | e) Current Value |
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| | **Pooled Separate Accounts:** | | | |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2010 TD | ** | $ 45,129 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2020 TD | ** | 3,509 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2025 TD | ** | 282,571 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2030 TD | ** | 913,262 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2035 TD | ** | 529,657 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2040 TD | ** | 373,158 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2045 TD | ** | 478,019 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2050 TD | ** | 506,807 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2055 TD | ** | 285,218 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2060 TD | ** | 239,646 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | American Funds 2065 TD | ** | 147,347 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Multimanager Conserv LS | ** | 50,898 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Multimanager Moderate LS | ** | 126,007 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Multimanager Balanced LS | ** | 597,446 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Multimanager Growth LS | ** | 678,860 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Multimanager Aggressive LS | ** | 305,920 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Short-Term Federal | ** | 45,447 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Money Market Fund | ** | 351,493 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Lord Abbett Bond Debenture | ** | 80,808 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | DFA Inflation-Protected Sec | ** | 7,785 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Allspring Core Bond Fund | ** | 29,330 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | AF American Balanced Fund | ** | 53,073 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Parnassus Core Equity Fund | ** | 78,179 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | MFS Value Fund | ** | 153,230 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | JH Disciplined Value Intl Fund | ** | 33,743 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Hartford Schroders Intl MCV | ** | 10,364 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Blue Chip Growth Fund | ** | 596,292 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | EuroPacific Growth Fund | ** | 101,810 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Capital World Growth & Income | ** | 4,308 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | 500 Index Fund | ** | 644,515 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Strategic Equity Fund | ** | 47,081 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Vanguard Mid-Cap Value ETF | ** | 53,737 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Undiscovered Mgr Behavioral | ** | 23,747 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Thrivent Mid Cap Stock Fund | ** | 114,737 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe Price Sml Cap Val | ** | 103,766 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe Price Science & Technology | ** | 1,287,948 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | T. Rowe Price Health Science | ** | 379,874 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Invesco Small Cap Growth | ** | 160,968 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Invesco Developing Mkt | ** | 39,282 |
| * | John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) | Eaton Vance Atlanta SMID-Cap | ** | 155,748 |
| | | Total pooled separate accounts | | 10,120,719 |
| * | Participant Loans | Loans to participants, bearing interest at rates of 5.25% - 10.50% | ** | 273,879 |
| | | | | $ 10,394,598 |

* Represents a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

** Not applicable for participant directed plans

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes.