

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 08/01/1966
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) J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC. P.O. BOX 642 EXTON, PA 19341
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-0963171
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 610-648-0500
2d	Business code (see instructions) 511190

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.	02/27/2025	ANGELA HAVRILAK
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC. P.O. BOX 642 EXTON, PA 19341	3b Administrator's EIN 23-0963171 3c Administrator's telephone number 610-648-0500
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 222
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 155 6a(2) 151 6b 2 6c 59 6d 212 6e 0 6f 212 6g(1) 190 6g(2) 194 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 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) ☐ DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ (5) ☐ MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u> (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024		
A Name of plan J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-0963171	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO. INC.
94-1737782

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
VANGUARD GROUP, INC.
23-1945930

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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)

CONRAD SIEGEL

PO BOX 5900
HARRISBURG, PA 17110-0900

23-1669823

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 17 37 38 49 50 59	NONE	28480	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CLARFELD FINANCIAL ADVISORS

20-2635739

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 51	NONE	26130	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.

94-1737782

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19 25 50 59 62	NONE	9990	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS LP

30-0447847

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

FEDERATED HERMES

25-1111467

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

FIDELITY & RESEARCH COMPANY

06-1194217

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

FIDELITY SELECTCO, LLC

82 DEVONSHIRE STREET
BOSTON, MA 02109

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

DELAWARE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

100 INDEPENDENCE 610 MARKET STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

INVESCO ADVISERS, INC.

76-0528004

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

MASSACHUSETTS FINANCIAL SERVICES CO

PO BOX 55824
BOSTON, MA 02205

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

T. ROWE PRICE ASSOCIATES, INC.

52-2264646

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

CAPITAL RESEARCH AND COMPANY

95-1411037

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

BLACKROCK ADVISORS LLC

51-0318674

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

DODGE & COX

94-1441976

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

MORLEY CAPITAL

1300 SW FIFTH AVE. SUITE 3300
PORTLAND, OR 97201

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS LP	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DFA US TARGETED VALUE I 30-0447847	0.29% OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FEDERATED HERMES	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FEDERATED HERMES MDT SMALL CAP GROW 25-1111467	0.88% OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH COMP	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FIDELITY(R) MID CAP INDEX 06-1194217	0.025% OF ASSETS	

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
FIDELITY SELECTCO LLC	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FIDELITY(R) REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT 82 DEVONSHIRE STREET BOSTON, MA 02109	0.72% OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH COMP	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FIDELITY(R) SMALL CAP INDEX 06-1194217	0.025% OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
DELAWARE MANAGEMENT COMPANY	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DELAWARE IVY MID CAP GROWTH R6 100 INDEPENDENCE 610 MARKET STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106	0.69% OF ASSETS	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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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
INVESCO ADVISERS, INC.	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
INVESCO DEVELOPING MARKETS R6 76-0528004	0.84% OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH COMP	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FIDELITY(R) INTERNATIONAL INDEX 06-1194217	0.035% OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS FINANCIAL SERVICES CO	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
MFS MID CAP VALUE R6 PO BOX 55824 BOSTON, MA 02205	0.62% OF ASSETS	

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
T ROWE PRICE ASSOCIATES INC	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
T. ROWE PRICE BLUE CHIP GROWTH I 52-2264646	0.57% OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CAPITAL RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT COM	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AMERICAN FUNDS US GOVERNMENT SEC R6 95-1411037	0.26% OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
BLACKROCK ADVISORS LLC	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BLACKROCK INFLATION PROTECTED BOND 51-0318674	0.51% OF ASSETS	

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
DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS LP	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DFA WORLD EX US GOVERNMENT FXD INC 30-0447847	0.19% OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
DODGE & COX	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DODGE & COX INCOME I 94-1441976	0.41% OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
MORLEY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	28 52	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
MORLEY STABLE VALUE FUND 1300 SW FIFTH AVE. SUITE 3300 PORTLAND, OR 97201	0.55% OF ASSETS	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	19 59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DODGE & COX 33-0457728	RANGE OF 0.00 - 0.02% OF AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	19 59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS 06-1194217	RANGE OF 0.00 - 0.02% OF AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

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

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

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

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024		
A Name of plan J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-0963171	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	33513	34856
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	424732	375475
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	240504	203890
(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)	18779600	22028281
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	19478349	22642502
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	19478349	22642502

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)	442204	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	728416	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1337	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1171957
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)	24899	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		24899
(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)	571387	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		571387
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		6701
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		2222234
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3997178

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	764246	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	4179	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		768425
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)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	28480	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	26130	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	9990	
(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)		64600
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		833025

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		3164153
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **KREISCHER MILLER**

(2) EIN: **23-1980475**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		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?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024		
A Name of plan J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC. 401(K) SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-0963171	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 82-3967259		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☒ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702345A</u> .	

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

Financial Statements

June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees
J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan
Exton, Pennsylvania

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment 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 June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the six-month period ended June 30, 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 June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of June 30, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the 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 schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kreischer Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Horsham, Pennsylvania

February 25, 2025

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022

	2023	2022
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 19,020,104	\$ 17,242,602
Cash unallocated (non-interest bearing)	33,513	31,083
Receivables:		
Employer contribution	300,000	-
Notes receivable from participants	424,732	368,274
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 19,778,349</u>	<u>\$ 17,641,959</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Six-Month Period Ended June 30, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,825,753
Dividends	46,894
	1,872,647

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	10,744
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Contributions:

Participant	346,848
Employer	368,883
Rollovers	100,104
	815,835

Total additions	2,699,226
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	529,352
Administrative expenses	33,484

Total deductions	562,836
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Net increase	2,136,390
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Net assets available for benefits:

December 31, 2022	17,641,959
June 30, 2023	\$ 19,778,349

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

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(1) Description of Plan

The following description of the J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a participant-directed 401(k) defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. (the Company). Employees who are anticipated to be credited with 1,000 hours of service in a twelve-month period are eligible to participate in the Plan after six months of employment and age 21. Service with a predecessor employer who was acquired by the Company will be considered as service under the Plan for purposes of determining eligibility and vesting years of service with respect to certain employees. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. The Trustees are responsible for oversight of the Plan.

The Plan was amended as of January 1, 2023. The Plan changed its year end from December 31 to June 30, commencing with the six-month period ended June 30, 2023. The first full plan year begins on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024.

Contributions

Each year, eligible participants may contribute up to 85% of their annual compensation to the Plan up to a maximum as set by law. All eligible employees will automatically be enrolled in the Plan and will have 2% withheld as an elective deferral upon entry to the Plan. Affected employees include all eligible employees hired on or after January 1, 2010, or who on the effective date had not made an affirmative election of non-participation in the Plan or were contributing less than 2%. Eligible participants may also make catch-up contributions up to a maximum as required by law. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollover). Participants may also defer a portion of their compensation as an after-tax Roth contribution.

The Company may make a discretionary matching contribution to the Plan. Matching contributions are determined annually. In 2023, the discretionary matching contribution was 25% of participant contributions up to 7.5% of compensation. The Company may make an additional discretionary contribution. There were additional discretionary contributions of \$300,000 made as of June 30, 2023. In order to receive profit sharing contributions, participants must complete 1,000 hours of service and be employed at the end of the year unless employment ends due to retirement, death, or disability. The Company may also make Qualified Non-elective contributions.

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(1) Description of Plan, Continued

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective deferral, the Company's matching contributions and allocations of plan earnings or losses and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and in all Company contributions, plus the actual earnings (losses) thereon.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Loans are available to participants subject to plan administrator approval. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account. Loans must be repaid with interest within five years unless the loan is used to buy, build, or substantially rehabilitate the borrower's principal residence. The Plan allows participants to have only three loans outstanding at a time and only two loans may be approved in the same plan year.

At June 30, 2023, interest rates on outstanding loans ranged from 4.25% to 9.25%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of employment, a participant is entitled to receive, as a lump sum payment, the entire amount of the vested interest in his or her account. Other forms of benefit payment may also be available. Participants may take certain in-service withdrawals including hardship withdrawals. The Plan also allows for automatic distributions to certain terminated participants whose vested account balances are less than \$5,000.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

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

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. The Plan's Trustees determine the Plan's valuation policies using information provided by the third-party administrators and the custodian. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Contributions

Contributions from plan participants and the matching contributions from the Company are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. If the participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be in default based upon the terms of the Plan Document, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan Document. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through February 25, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(3) Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification* (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, 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:
- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liability;
 - observable market data by correlation or other means.
 - If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset 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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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(3) Fair Value Measurements, Continued

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

Registered investment companies: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Registered investment companies held by the Plan are open end investments that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Registered investment companies are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. Registered investment companies held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common collective trust: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of a trust company collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022:

	Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 18,779,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,779,600
Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient				240,504
Total investments at fair value				\$ 19,020,104
	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 17,014,269	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,014,269
Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient				228,333
Total investments at fair value				\$ 17,242,602

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(3) Fair Value Measurements, Continued

Certain investments that are measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line item presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

There were no significant transfers among investment levels during the six-month period ended June 30, 2023 and year end December 31, 2022.

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on the NAV per share as a practical expedient as of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

Investment	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Morley Stable Value Fund	\$ 240,504	\$ 228,333	None	Daily	Up to 30 days for participant-initiated withdrawals; up to 12 months for Plan level-initiated withdrawals

(4) Investment Contracts

The Plan has an investment in the Morley Stable Value Fund, a collective investment trust fund (the Fund). The Fund invests primarily in stable value investment contracts with insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions. The objective of the Fund is to provide preservation of capital, relatively stable returns consistent with its comparatively low risk profile, and liquidity for benefit-responsive payments. Participants may generally redeem units on a daily basis at NAV. NAV represents contributions made to the Fund plus earnings less participant withdrawals.

Certain events may limit the ability of the Fund to transact at NAV. Such events may include, but are not limited to, Plan withdrawals requested without appropriate notice to the Fund, or the Plan ceases to meet certain tax qualifications as well as certain market events. The plan administrator believes that no events are probable of occurring that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at NAV with participants.

(5) Financial Information Certified by a Qualified Institution

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments at fair value held at June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Charles Schwab Trust Bank, a qualified institution.

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(6) Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are investments with Charles Schwab Trust Bank, the custodian of the Plan. Conrad M Siegel Inc. (Conrad) is the recordkeeper and Clarfeld Financial Advisors is the investment advisor of the Plan. Therefore, any transactions with the custodian, recordkeeper and investment advisor qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Additionally, loans to participants are also considered party-in-interest transactions. Total expenses to party-in interests was \$33,484 for the year ended June 30, 2024. Fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in net appreciation in the fair value of investments.

(7) Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

(8) Income Tax Status

The Plan uses a prototype document sponsored by Conrad M Siegel Inc. (Conrad). Conrad received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the prototype plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan's Trustees and the Plan's third-party administrator believe that the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

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 if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

(9) Risks and Uncertainties

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

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(10) Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 at June 30:

	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 19,778,349
Contributions receivable	<u>(300,000)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 19,478,349</u>

The following is a reconciliation of net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net income per Form 5500 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024:

Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,136,390
Contributions receivable - 2023	<u>(300,000)</u>
Net income per Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,836,390</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

Plan: 001

EIN Number: 23-0963171

Supplemental Schedule

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

June 30, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Current Value
Registered investment companies:			
	American Funds	US Government Securities Fund Class R6	\$ 464,872
	BlackRock	Inflation Protected Bond	255,679
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	US Targeted Value Fund	29,808
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	World Ex US Government Fixed Income Fund	92,644
	Dodge & Cox	Income Fund	221,807
	Federated Hermes	MDT Small Cap Growth Fund Class R6	66,103
	Fidelity Investments	International Index Fund	458,464
	Fidelity Investments	Mid Cap Index Fund	619,852
	Fidelity Investments	Real Estate Investment Portfolio	134,786
	Fidelity Investments	Small Cap Index Fund	388,931
	Invesco	Oppenheimer Developing Markets Fund Class R6	200,524
	Ivy Investments	Delaware Ivy Mid Cap Growth Fund Class R6	416,067
	MFS Investments	Mid Cap Value Fund Class R6	39,417
	T.Rowe Price	Blue Chip Growth Fund I Class	911,802
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	Equity-Income Fund Admiral Shares	249,862
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	Target Retirement Income Fund Investor Shares	692,419
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2020 Target Retirement Fund	484,537
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2025 Target Retirement Fund	742,549
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2030 Target Retirement Fund	3,860,795
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2035 Target Retirement Fund	605,409
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2040 Target Retirement Fund	3,320,436
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2045 Target Retirement Fund	330,232
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2050 Target Retirement Fund	1,992,939
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2055 Target Retirement Fund	163,397
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2060 Target Retirement Fund	128,198
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares	286,676
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral Shares	1,621,395
			<u>18,779,600</u>
Common collective trust:			
	Morley Capital Management	Stable Value Fund	<u>240,504</u>
Interest rates from 4.25% to 9.25%; maturing			
thorough February 2033			
*	Participant loans		<u>424,732</u>
			<u>\$ 19,444,836</u>

* Party-in-interest

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees
J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan
Exton, Pennsylvania

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment 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 June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 June 30, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended June 30, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of June 30, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is 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 schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kreischer Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Horsham, Pennsylvania

February 25, 2025

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 22,232,171	\$ 19,020,104
Cash unallocated (non-interest bearing)	34,856	33,513
Receivables:		
Employer contribution	300,000	300,000
Notes receivable from participants	375,475	424,732
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 22,942,502</u>	<u>\$ 19,778,349</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended June 30, 2024

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 2,228,935
Dividends	571,387
	<u>2,800,322</u>

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>24,899</u>
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Contributions:

Participant	728,416
Employer	442,204
Rollovers	1,337
	<u>1,171,957</u>

Total additions	<u>3,997,178</u>
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	768,425
Administrative expenses	64,600

Total deductions	<u>833,025</u>
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Net increase	3,164,153
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Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	<u>19,778,349</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 22,942,502</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

(1) Description of Plan

The following description of the J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a participant-directed 401(k) defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. (the Company). Employees who are anticipated to be credited with 1,000 hours of service in a twelve-month period are eligible to participate in the Plan after six months of employment and age 21. Service with a predecessor employer who was acquired by the Company will be considered as service under the Plan for purposes of determining eligibility and vesting years of service with respect to certain employees. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. The Trustees are responsible for oversight of the Plan.

The Plan was amended as of July 1, 2023. The Plan changed its year end from December 31 to June 30, commencing with the six-month period ended June 30, 2023. The first full plan year begins on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024.

Contributions

Each year, eligible participants may contribute up to 85% of their annual compensation to the Plan up to a maximum as set by law. All eligible employees will automatically be enrolled in the Plan and will have 2% withheld as an elective deferral upon entry to the Plan. Affected employees include all eligible employees hired on or after January 1, 2010, or who on the effective date had not made an affirmative election of non-participation in the Plan or were contributing less than 2%. Eligible participants may also make catch-up contributions up to a maximum as required by law. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollover). Participants may also defer a portion of their compensation as an after-tax Roth contribution.

Subsequent to year end effective September 1, 2024, employees who are 21 and anticipated to reach 1,000 hours may begin deferring into the Plan on the first day of the month following their employment date and become eligible for other contributions on the first day of the next quarter after completing six months of service. Employees who are not anticipated to reach 1,000 hours may participate in the plan on the first day of the next quarter following attaining age 21 and completing a year of service, as defined.

The Company may make a discretionary matching contribution to the Plan. Matching contributions are determined annually. In 2024, the discretionary matching contribution was 25% of participant contributions up to 7.5% of compensation. The Company may make an additional discretionary contribution. There were discretionary contributions made in 2024 and 2023 of \$300,000. In order to receive profit sharing contributions, participants must complete 1,000 hours of service and be employed at the end of the year unless employment ends due to retirement, death, or disability. The Company may also make Qualified Non-elective contributions.

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

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(1) Description of Plan, Continued

Contributions, Continued

Subsequent to year end effective September 1, 2024, participants who are first credited with an hour of service after August 1, 2024 that are automatically enrolled and do not affirmatively elect a deferral rate will have their deferral rate automatically escalated by 1% each year to a maximum rate of 5%.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective deferral, the Company's matching contributions and allocations of plan earnings or losses and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and in all Company contributions, plus the actual earnings (losses) thereon.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Loans are available to participants subject to plan administrator approval. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account. Loans must be repaid with interest within five years unless the loan is used to buy, build, or substantially rehabilitate the borrower's principal residence. The Plan allows participants to have only three loans outstanding at a time and only two loans may be approved in the same plan year.

At June 30, 2024, interest rates on outstanding loans ranged from 4.25% to 9.50%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of employment, a participant is entitled to receive, as a lump sum payment, the entire amount of the vested interest in his or her account. Other forms of benefit payment may also be available. Participants may take certain in-service withdrawals including hardship withdrawals. The Plan also allows for automatic distributions to certain terminated participants whose vested account balances are less than \$5,000, which increased to \$7,000 as of January 1, 2024.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

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

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. The Plan's Trustees determine the Plan's valuation policies using information provided by the third-party administrators and the custodian. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Contributions

Contributions from plan participants and the matching contributions from the Company are recorded in the year which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. If the participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be in default based upon the terms of the Plan Document, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan Document. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through February 25, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(3) Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification* (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, 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:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liability;
- observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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(3) Fair Value Measurements, Continued

The asset 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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

Registered investment companies: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Registered investment companies held by the Plan are open end investments that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Registered investment companies are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. Registered investment companies held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common collective trust: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of a trust company collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of June 30:

Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2024				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 22,028,281	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,028,281
Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient				203,890
Total investments at fair value				\$ 22,232,171
Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 18,779,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,779,600
Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient				240,504
Total investments at fair value				\$ 19,020,104

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(3) Fair Value Measurements, Continued

Certain investments that are measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line item presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

There were no significant transfers among investment levels during the year ended June 30, 2024 and six-month period ended June 30, 2023.

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on the NAV per share as a practical expedient as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Investment	June 30,		Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
	2024	2023			
Morley Stable Value Fund	\$ 203,890	\$ 240,504	None	Daily	Up to 30 days for participant-initiated withdrawals; up to 12 months for Plan level-initiated withdrawals

(4) Investment Contracts

The Plan has an investment in the Morley Stable Value Fund, a collective investment trust fund (the Fund). The Fund invests primarily in stable value investment contracts with insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions. The objective of the Fund is to provide preservation of capital, relatively stable returns consistent with its comparatively low risk profile, and liquidity for benefit-responsive payments. Participants may generally redeem units on a daily basis at NAV. NAV represents contributions made to the Fund plus earnings less participant withdrawals.

Certain events may limit the ability of the Fund to transact at NAV. Such events may include, but are not limited to, Plan withdrawals requested without appropriate notice to the Fund or the Plan ceases to meet certain tax qualifications as well as certain market events. The plan administrator believes that no events are probable of occurring that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at NAV with participants.

(5) Financial Information Certified by a Qualified Institution

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments at fair value held at June 30, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the year ended June 30, 2024, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Charles Schwab Trust Bank, a qualified institution.

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(6) Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are investments with Charles Schwab Trust Bank, the custodian of the Plan. Conrad M Siegel Inc. (Conrad) is the recordkeeper and MMA Securities LLC is the investment advisor of the Plan. Therefore, any transactions with the custodian, recordkeeper and investment advisor qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Additionally, loans to participants are also considered party-in-interest transactions. Total expenses to party-in interests was \$64,600 for the year ended June 30, 2024. Fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in net appreciation in the fair value of investments.

(7) Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

(8) Income Tax Status

The Plan uses a prototype document sponsored by Conrad. Conrad received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the prototype plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan's Trustees and the Plan's third-party administrator believe that the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

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 if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

(9) Risks and Uncertainties

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

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Notes to Financial Statements

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(10) Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 at June 30:

	2024	2023
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 22,942,502	\$ 19,778,349
Contributions receivable	(300,000)	(300,000)
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	\$ 22,642,502	\$ 19,478,349

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan

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Supplemental Schedule

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	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2040 Target Retirement Fund	3,993,010
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2045 Target Retirement Fund	425,284
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2050 Target Retirement Fund	2,431,404
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2055 Target Retirement Fund	195,030
	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company	2060 Target Retirement Fund	290,899
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	Morley Capital Management	Stable Value Fund	<u>203,890</u>
Interest rates from 4.25% to 9.50%; maturing through February 2033			
*	Participant loans		<u>375,475</u>
			<u>\$ 22,607,646</u>
* Party-in-interest			

Schedule C, line 2(h) – Formula Description

Plan Name: J.W. Pepper and Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan
Employer I.D. #: 23-0963171
Plan Number: 001

(a) Name of Investment Fund (Source of Compensation)	(b) Name of Investment Adviser (Service Provider)	(c) Formula as Percentage of Assets	(d) Other Formula, if any
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See line 3(e) of Schedule C for a description of the applicable formulas for each fund manager

Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Plan Name: J.W. Pepper and Son, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Investment Plan
Employer I.D. #: 23-0963171
Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
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Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year) is contained in the attached audit report.