

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 <div style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2023</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

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) _____

B This return/report is: the first return/report the final return/report
 an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.

D Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension 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
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1a Name of plan <u>AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width:20%; text-align: center;"><u>002</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>10/01/1985</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>10/01/1985</u>	
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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) <u>ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC.</u> <u>51301 SCHOENHERR ROAD</u> <u>SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MI 48315</u>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:80%;">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>38-1904829</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>586-726-1234</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541330</u></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>38-1904829</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>586-726-1234</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541330</u>	
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2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541330</u>					

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	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>07/01/2025</u>	<u>VANESSA A. HAYES</u>
	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	176
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)	136
	6a(2)	129
	6b	6
	6c	36
	6d	171
	6e	0
	6f	171
	6g(1)	164
6g(2)	169	
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 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)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2
 - (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
 - (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
 - (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

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A Name of plan AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 38-1904829

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	1114228-01	107	10/01/2023	09/30/2024

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	2294664
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	2741683

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

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

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

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 3059194

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	105145
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	44204
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	388479
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	0

▶ LOAN PAYMENTS

(6) Total additions..... **7c(6)** 537828

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 3597022

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	241308
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	3640
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	1057410
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	

(5) Total deductions..... **7e(5)** 1302358

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 2294664

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a	Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	0
b	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	0
	(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
	(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
	(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
	(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
	(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.).....		9c(2)	
d	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
	(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
	(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
06-1050034	93629	1114228-01	114	10/01/2023	09/30/2024

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

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Part II	Investment and Annuity Contract Information Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.
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4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	0
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	12132200

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
(3) other (specify) ▶

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

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

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
(3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT**

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)		
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)		
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)		
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)		

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	0
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	0
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e Deductions:		
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	0
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	0
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	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	0
b	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	0
	(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
	(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
	(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
	(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
	(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)	
d	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
	(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
	(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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

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

ACEC RETIREMENT TRUST

1510 WOODSTOCK RD
ROSWELL, GA 30075-2132

(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?
99	OTHER	55982	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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	INVESTMENT MGMT	12920	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	3099	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

A Name of plan <u>AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>38-1904829</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>FUTUREFUNDS SERIES ACCOUNT II OF G</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>84-0467907-003</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2741683</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VICTORY SMALL CAP VALUE FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GLOBAL TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-6240599-008</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1214867</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MID CAP VALUE FUND / ROBECO BOSTON</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-440</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1969162</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>LARGE CAP GROWTH / JENNISON FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-408</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>5745139</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>CORE PLUS BOND / PGIM FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER ANNITY INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-299</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4417898</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

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

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d Entity code

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

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name

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

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **10/01/2023** and ending **09/30/2024**

A Name of plan AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 38-1904829	

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	700000	700000
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	0	0
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	1036800	1214867
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	14873882
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	25175856	30302257
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	12504396	2294664
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	39417052	49385670
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
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	39417052	49385670

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)	1252879	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1358295	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	36976	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2648150
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	0	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	44204	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		44204
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	770344	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		770344
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(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)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(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)		175432
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		710408
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		8151784
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		12500322

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	2459703	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		2459703
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		0
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	3099	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees.....	2i(5)	12920	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees.....	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees.....	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees.....	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees.....	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses.....	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	55982	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		72001
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		2531704

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		9968618
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: VLAHANTONES & TANGALOS, PC

(2) EIN: 38-3082904

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.)		X	
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.).....		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.).....		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 38-1904829	

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
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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): 84-1455663

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	
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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

Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? Yes No

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? Yes No

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) Yes No

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? Yes No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

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

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

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment.....

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

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

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

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
 Yes.
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. Other. Provide explanation.....

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 11 / 14 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702518A.

AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

For the year ended September 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the AEW Retirement Plan

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of AEW Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of AEW Retirement Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit 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 a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note E to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of AEW Retirement Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 these 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 AEW Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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 AEW Retirement Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about AEW Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit 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.

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion—

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



VLAHANTONOS & TANGALOS, P.C.

Sterling Heights, Michigan
May 5, 2025

AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	September 30,	
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Investments:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ <u>48,685,670</u>	\$ <u>38,717,052</u>
Receivables:		
Employer's Contributions	<u>700,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>
Total Assets	<u>49,385,670</u>	<u>39,417,052</u>
 NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	 <u>\$ 49,385,670</u>	 <u>\$ 39,417,052</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Year Ended September 30, 2024

ADDITIONS

Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:

Investment Income:

Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 9,037,624
Interest and Dividends	<u>814,548</u>

<i>Total Investment Gain</i>	<u>9,852,172</u>
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Contributions:

Employer	1,252,879
Participants	1,358,295
Rollover	<u>36,976</u>

<i>Total Additions</i>	<u>12,500,322</u>
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DEDUCTIONS

Deductions From Net Assets Attributed to:

Benefits Paid to Participants	2,459,703
Administrative Expenses	<u>72,001</u>

<i>Total Deductions</i>	<u>2,531,704</u>
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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	9,968,618
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Beginning of Year	<u>39,417,052</u>
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End of Year	<u><u>\$ 49,385,670</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the AEW, Inc. ("Company") Retirement Plan ("Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees who have met hours of work requirement, the period of service requirement and are age twenty-one or older. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The plan was amended in October, 2022 to comply with the CARES and SECURE Acts.

Administration

Administrative expenses were paid directly by the Company during the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute a discretionary amount of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, up to the annual limitation. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company contributes up to 50% of the first 8% of the participant's contributions to the Plan. The matching contributions are invested in the same investment options as the participants' contributions to the Plan. Additional profit sharing amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's board of directors and are invested in a portfolio of investments as directed by the participants. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions and (b) Plan earnings. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (continued)

Vesting

Participants are immediately 100% vested in all Plan accounts plus actual earnings thereon.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, participant accounts with a vested account balance that does not exceed \$5,000, are distributed in a single lump-sum payment. If the vested account balance exceeds \$5,000, a participant may elect to receive a distribution of the vested account balance in (a) a single lump-sum payment or (b) installments over a period of not more than the participant's assumed life expectancy or (c) Ad-Hoc distributions. For termination of services before retirement age, a participant with less than \$1,000 will receive a lump-sum distribution. If greater than \$1,000 and less than \$5,000 a participant has 30 days to request a distribution option or if no request made, the balance is rolled over to an IRA on behalf of the participant. The plan has a default IRA option for these rollovers. If the account balance is greater than \$5,000 the participant's balance may remain in the plan.

NOTE B- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. If available, quoted market prices are used to value investments. The Plan's investment contract is valued at fair value using a market approach based on market prices of similar contracts.

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

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AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

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NOTE B- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Subsequent Events

Management evaluated events and transactions that occurred after the balance sheet date for potential recognition and disclosure through May 5, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE C - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE (UNAUDITED)

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules, including investments held at September 30, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest, and dividends for the year ended September 30, 2024, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (the Trustees of the Plan).

NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value 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) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy 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 price that are observable for the asset or liability;
- * Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specific (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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AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

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NOTE D - 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 methodologies used at September 30, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual Funds: Share Prices/Net Asset Values (NAVs) reported on the Plan Summary Reports for NAV mutual funds are generally obtained from a file feed from the National Securities Clearing Corporation, and/or directly from the fund house, or a secondary pricing source, such as Interactive Data Corporation (IDC).

Collective Trust Funds: Share Prices/NAVs reported on the Plan Summary Reports for Collective Trust Funds are generally obtained directly from the funds house or other investment provider.

Fixed Annuities: The reported values for fixed annuity options are reported daily based on the valuation method disclosed in the annuity contract, as calculated by the annuity provider.

Variable Annuities: Prices/unit values for Variable Annuity investment options are calculated daily by the annuity provider according to the methods described in the annuity contract.

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits.

The 5500 Schedule H classification differs due to the fact that it can not be confirmed that the Plan is included in the DFE filing. These funds can not be classified as Common Collective Trusts, therefore the default presentation on 5500 schedule H is mutual funds.

	Assets at Fair Value as of September 30, 2024			
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 19,261,316	\$ 19,261,316	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed and Variable Annuities	17,168,546	-	17,168,546	-
Collective Trust Funds-NAVPE	12,255,808	-	-	-
Total	\$ 48,685,670	\$ 19,261,316	\$ 17,168,546	\$ -

	Assets at Fair Value as of September 30, 2023			
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 17,128,464	\$ 17,128,464	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed and Variable Annuities	12,504,396	-	12,504,396	-
Collective Trust Funds-NAVPE	9,084,192	-	-	-
Total	\$ 38,717,052	\$ 17,128,464	\$ 12,504,396	\$ -

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AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS-continued

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset per Share Practical Expediant (NAVPE)

The following tables summarize investments for which fair value is measured using net asset value per share practical expediant as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. There are no Plan or participant redemption restrictions for these investments.

<u>September 30, 2024</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency/Notice</u>
Collective Trust Funds	\$ 12,255,808	N/A	Daily/1 Day

<u>September 30, 2023</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency/Notice</u>
Collective Trust Funds	\$ 9,084,192	N/A	Daily/1 Day

NOTE E - INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY

The Plan has entered into an investment contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America. Empower maintains the 401(k) contributions, as directed by the participants in a pooled separate account. The accounts are credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract is included in the financial statements at net asset value as reported to the Plan by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America.

NOTE F - RELATED PARTY AND PARTIES IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America. Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for the investment management services to Empower Retirement Advisory Services amounted to \$72,001 for the year ended September 30, 2024. Vlahantones & Tangalos, P.C. is the Plan's auditor, whose fees are paid by the Plan Sponsor.

NOTE G- PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE H- TAX STATUS

The Retirement Plan Administrators LLC prototype plan has received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service, dated February 21, 2003 stating that the plan will be qualified under Code Section 401(a) provided all terms of the plan are followed by the employer. The plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America required Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the taxing authorities. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to federal income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

NOTE I - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

The Plan's net assets include investments which at times may be a holder of some of the following instruments: asset backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations and commercial mortgage backed securities, including securities backed by subprime mortgage loans. The value, liquidity and related income of these securities are sensitive to changes in economic conditions, including real estate value, delinquencies or defaults, or both, and may be adversely affected by shifts in the market's perception of the issuers and changes in interest rates.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

AEW, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

**EIN: 38-1904829
PLAN NUMBER: 002**

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
See Schedule H, Line 4i**

September 30, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2060 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 159,625
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2020 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 132,303
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2025 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 2,565,238
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2030 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 978,934
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2035 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 3,797,724
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2040 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 73,087
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2045 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 1,885,953
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2050 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 97,440
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2060 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 163,079
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2055 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 534,766
*	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2015 Commingled	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 652,792
*	Victory Small Cap Value Collective 75	CollectiveTrust Funds	**	\$ 1,214,867
*	Great-West Secure Foundation Balance Inst	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 174,900
*	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Instl	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 1,525,951
*	Vanguard FTSE Social Index	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 1,000,145
*	Nuveen Real Estate Securities R6	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 762,985
*	T.Rowe Price QM US Small Cap GR EQ 1	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 382,949
*	Vanguard Small Cap Index Instl	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 1,613,561
*	T.Rowe Price Instl Mid-Cap Equity Gr	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 2,249,230
*	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Ins	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 1,134,865
*	American Funds Washington Mutual R6	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 2,285,222
*	Vanguard Institutional Index Instl	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 3,651,933
*	American Funds American Balanced R6	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 2,085,534
*	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Inst	Mutual Funds	**	\$ 2,394,041
*	CapitalGroup Europacific Growth SA	Variable Annuities	**	\$ 2,741,683
*	Core PlusBond/PGIM Fund	Variable Annuities	**	\$ 4,417,898
*	Mid Cap Value/Robeco Boston Partners	Variable Annuities	**	\$ 1,969,163
*	Large Cap Growth/Jennison Fund	Variable Annuities	**	\$ 5,745,139
*	Forfeiture Account	Fixed Annuities	**	\$ 1,436
*	GWI Fixed Account-Series Class III	Fixed Annuities	**	\$ 2,293,227

Total Assets Held For Investment: \$ - \$ 48,685,670

* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

**Cost omitted for participant directed funds as permitted by ERISA

See Independent auditor's report

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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AEW, Inc. Retirement Plan

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
1MXCJX			180,297.83	174,900.31
1FIB15T			599,781.34	652,792.34
1FIB20T			118,409.77	132,303.33
1FIB25T			2,328,615.94	2,565,237.87
1FIB30T			878,718.88	978,933.69
1FIB35T			3,297,670.06	3,797,724.04
1FIB40T			59,671.65	73,086.79
1FIB45T			1,571,387.34	1,885,952.84
1FIB50T			79,010.61	97,439.96
1FIB55T			441,124.66	534,766.33
1FIB60T			133,051.45	163,078.67
1FIB65T			120,404.66	159,624.97
1H0028A			2,492,527.30	2,741,682.63
1VTSNX			1,334,390.22	1,525,951.31
1FREGX			794,371.60	762,985.07
1TQAIX			331,190.52	382,948.60
1VSCIX			1,214,849.39	1,613,560.58
1VSCV75			820,862.33	1,214,866.90
1PMEGX			1,820,179.70	2,249,229.66
1H0121A			1,879,787.68	1,969,162.58
1VMCIX			881,482.20	1,134,864.97
1RWMGX			1,673,846.87	2,285,221.92
1H0109A			5,361,505.15	5,745,138.93
1VFTNX			778,144.03	1,000,144.83
1VIII			2,427,751.38	3,651,933.09
1RLBGX			1,681,205.67	2,085,533.95
1H0089A			4,174,494.87	4,417,898.22
1VBTIX			2,491,762.36	2,394,041.35
1GWAQ25		1.950	2,144,543.75	2,293,228.90
			42,111,039.21	48,684,234.63
FORFEITURES			1,336.68	1,435.25

INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
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LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1MXCJX	Empower SecureFoundation Bal Inst			
1FIB20T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2020 Commingled T		1FIB15T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2015 Commingled T
1FIB30T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2030 Commingled T		1FIB25T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2025 Commingled T
1FIB40T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2040 Commingled T		1FIB35T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2035 Commingled T
1FIB50T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2050 Commingled T		1FIB45T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2045 Commingled T
1FIB60T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2060 Commingled T		1FIB55T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2055 Commingled T
1H0028A	Capital Group EuroPacific Growth SA		1FIB65T	Fidelity Freedom Blend 2065 Commingled T
1FREGX	Nuveen Real Estate Securities R6		1VTSNX	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Instl
1VSCIX	Vanguard Small Cap Index Instl		1TQAIX	T. Rowe Price Integrated US Sm Gr Eq I
1PMEGX	T. Rowe Price Instl Mid-Cap Equity Gr		1VSCV75	Victory Small Cap Value Collective 75
1VMCIX	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Ins		1H0121A	Mid Cap Value / Robeco Boston Partners
1H0109A	Large Cap Growth / Jennison Fund		1RWMGX	American Funds Washington Mutual R6
1VIII X	Vanguard Institutional Index Instl Pl		1VFTNX	Vanguard FTSE Social Index I
1H0089A	Core Plus Bond / PGIM Fund		1RLBGX	American Funds American Balanced R6
1GWAQ25	EI Fixed Account - Series Class III		1VBTIX	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Inst

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year

CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year