

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 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
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 DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1999
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) DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. 123 NORTH WACKER DRIVE SUITE 2000 CHICAGO, IL 60606
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-4149498
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 312-857-1006
2d	Business code (see instructions) 541330

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.			
Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.			
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/22/2025	JOHN VICTORINE
	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

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 140
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) 95 6a(2) 130 6b 1 6c 47 6d 178 6e 0 6f 178 6g(1) 139 6g(2) 174 6h 10
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:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2S 2T 3B 3D

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (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 0
- (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 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-4149498	

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.

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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)

COMMONWEALTH EQUITY SERVICES LLC DB

29 SAWYER RD
WALTHAM, MA 02453-3483

(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	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	28008	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
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	6276	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

JPMORGAN INVEST HOLDINGS LLC

13-2624428

(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	360	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
(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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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:

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
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Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMCB STABLE ASSET INCOME F15					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JP MORGAN					
c EIN-PN 20-1978950-001		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 690509	
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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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
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-4149498	

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	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	0	0
(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)	122974	155250
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	879533	690509
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)		
(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)	10649009	13357505
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(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	11651516	14203264
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	11651516	14203264

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)	548374	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	937378	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	9369	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1495121
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)	8056	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		8056
(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)	323285	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		323285
(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)		20115
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(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)		1458268
c Other income	2c		37171
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3342016

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	755825	
(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)		755825
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		-201
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)	360	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	34284	
(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)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		34644
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		790268

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2551748
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: **ALDRICH CPAS AND ADVISORS LLP**

(2) EIN: **93-0623286**

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?	☒		250000
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 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-4149498
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 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
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for: a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14a 14b 14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	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>11 / 14 / 2022</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702518A</u> .	
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**DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.
PROFIT SHARING AND 401(k) PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

*As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and
for the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

And Report of Independent Auditor

**DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND
401(k) PLAN AND TRUST**
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Report of Independent Auditor

To the Plan Administrator
DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan and Trust
Chicago, Illinois

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2023 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan and Trust (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). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2023 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 December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements* section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 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 2023 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 on the 2023 Financial Statements

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 2023 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 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 2023 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 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 2023 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) *Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements* 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 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 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 2023 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 Matters

2023 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), 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 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 schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

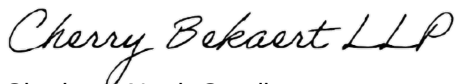
In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations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

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental 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).

Auditor's Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2022, were audited by predecessor auditors. 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, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 13, 2023 indicated that in their opinion (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2022 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). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2022 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule that agrees to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and the information in the 2022 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 "Cherry Bekaert LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charlotte, North Carolina
January 31, 2025

**DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND
401(k) PLAN AND TRUST**
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 14,048,014	\$ 11,528,542
Receivables:		
Employer contribution	875,000	574,048
Notes receivable from participants	<u>155,250</u>	<u>122,974</u>
Total Receivables	<u>1,030,250</u>	<u>697,022</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u><u>\$ 15,078,264</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,225,564</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND
401(k) PLAN AND TRUST**
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment Income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,478,383
Interest and dividend income	<u>323,486</u>
Total Investment Income	1,801,869

Interest on notes receivable from participants	8,056
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Contributions:

Participants	937,378
Employer	849,326
Rollovers	<u>9,369</u>

Total Contributions	1,796,073
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Other Income (revenue sharing)	<u>37,171</u>
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Total Additions	<u>3,643,169</u>
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	755,825
Administrative expenses	<u>34,644</u>

Total Deductions	<u>790,469</u>
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Net increase in net assets available for benefits	2,852,700
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Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>12,225,564</u>
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Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 15,078,264</u></u>
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND 401(k) PLAN AND TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Note 1—Description of the Plan

The following description of the DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan and Trust (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes. 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 regular full-time employees of DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc. (the “Company” or “Plan Sponsor”) who are age 21 or older and have completed one month of service. Eligible employees can enter on the first day of each month once eligibility is met. The Plan provides participants with a salary deferral option pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). Employees under collective bargaining agreements and certain nonresident aliens who have no earned income from sources within the United States are excluded from the Plan. The Plan is subject to provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Board of Trustees is responsible for the oversight of the Plan. Empower Retirement, LLC, the (“qualified institution and “Trustee”) of the Plan, determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

Eligibility – The plan covers all employees of the Company, except employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, leased employees, or nonresident aliens, who have attained the age of 21 and have completed one month of employment. Participants are automatically enrolled at a deferral rate of 3% of eligible compensation and their contributions are invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. The Company contributed a safe harbor profit share in December 31, 2023 to all participants in an amount equal to 3% of eligible compensation, which is automatically 100% vested. The Plan also allows the Company to make discretionary non-elective contributions. To be eligible for the discretionary non-elective contribution, a participant must have completed 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Services (“IRS”) limitations.

Contributions – Each year, participants have the ability to contribute up to 100% of pre-tax annual compensation, subject to the IRC limitations as defined in the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollovers). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan.

Catch-Up Contributions – For the year ended December 31, 2023, if a participant is eligible to make a deferral and turns 50 before the end of the calendar year, the participant may defer an additional \$7,500 into the Plan as a contribution subject to certain IRC limitations.

Participant Accounts – Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contribution and allocations of (a) the Company’s matching contribution and, (b) Plan earnings (losses), and charged with an allocation of any administrative expenses paid by the Plan. 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.

Vesting – Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Additionally, participants are 100% vested in their non-elective contributions (safe harbor). Vesting in the Company’s discretionary match plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service and occurs gradually. A participant becomes partially vested at the end of two years of credited service and is 100% vested after six years of credited service. A participant becomes fully vested in the entire balance of their account upon attainment of normal retirement age, permanent disability, death, or termination of the Plan. Any amount not vested upon a participant’s separation from service is forfeited and may be used to reduce the Company’s contribution or pay Plan expenses.

**DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND
401(k) PLAN AND TRUST**
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Note 1—Description of the Plan (continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants – 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 vested account balance. Loan terms range from 1 to 5 years, or up to 15 years for the purchase of a principal residence. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%, which are commensurate with rates charged by commercial lenders for loans made under similar circumstances.

Investment Options – Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan Sponsor. Participants have the opportunity to change their investment combinations on a daily basis.

Payment of Benefits – On termination of service due to any reason, participants with vested account balances of \$1,000 or less receive an automatic lump-sum distribution, unless the participant requests that it be rolled-over to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) provider or another qualified retirement plan. Participants with vested account balances of less than \$5,000 and more than \$1,000 receive an automatic distribution to an IRA. Participants with vested account balances of \$5,000 or more may elect to receive a single lump-sum amount or choose to rollover their balance into another qualified retirement plan or IRA.

Forfeitures – As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$69,561 and \$66,216, respectively. Per the Plan document, these amounts may be used to pay Plan expenses or to reduce amounts otherwise required to be contributed to the Plan. During the year ended December 31, 2023, \$26,982 of forfeited nonvested accounts were used to reduce employer contributions and \$28,008 of forfeited nonvested accounts were used to pay Plan expenses.

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of Presentation – The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – Investments in the Plan are reported at fair value. U.S. GAAP defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date 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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Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

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 charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the Plan administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of Benefits – Benefits paid to participants are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses – Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan Sponsor and are, therefore, excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments. Fees for the administration of notes receivable from participants are included in administrative expenses and charged directly to the participant's account.

Fair Value Measurements – U.S. GAAP defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset and liability, in an orderly transaction value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value.

U.S. GAAP defines three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date;

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value can be determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies; and

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable inputs in situations where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability and the reporting entity makes estimates and assumptions related to the pricing of the asset or liability including assumptions regarding risk.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following are descriptions of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value, including the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

Mutual Funds – These public investment vehicles are valued using the net asset value ("NAV") provided by the administrator of the fund. NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. NAV is classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy based on the underlying assets of the account, which are traded on an active market.

Common Collective Trust Funds – CCT's invest in a variety of guaranteed investment contracts, domestic stocks, international stocks, mutual funds, bonds, and other securities. The majority of the underlying securities have observable level 1 quoted pricing inputs. While the underlying asset values are generally based on publicly quoted prices, the NAV of each individual CCT is not valued using publicly quoted prices. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient will not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV.

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Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

The Plan has an investment in the JPMorgan Stable Asset Income Fund 15, which is a Collective Investment Trust (CIT) fund, that invests in conventional, synthetic, and separate account investment contracts issued by life insurance companies, banks, and other financial institutions. Characteristics of these contracts allow for their principal value to remain stable regardless of the volatility of the financial markets. The contracts are nontransferable but provide for fully benefit responsive withdrawals and participant transfers to noncompeting options by Plan participants at contract value. Contract value represents invested principal and accrued interest thereon.

There are certain employer-initiated events which could limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. The Company does not believe the occurrence of any such event which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

The Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants; however, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Recently Issued Pronouncements – Plan management is not aware of any recently issued accounting pronouncements that would have a material impact on the Plan's financial statements.

Note 3—Information certified by the Trustee (unaudited)

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the Trustee of the Plan has certified to the completeness and accuracy of the following data included in the accompanying financial statements.

- Investments, at fair value, investments, common collective trusts, investments at contract value, in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Notes receivable from participants in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Net appreciation in fair value of investments, dividend income, and interest income on notes receivable from participants as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i as of December 31, 2023.

The Plan's independent auditor did not perform auditing procedures with respect to the certified information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year).

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Note 4—Fair value measurements

The Plan's financial instruments carried at fair value are classified by the following fair value hierarchy levels as of December 31:

2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
Mutual funds	\$ 13,357,505	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,357,505
Common collective trusts measured at NAV value (*)	-	-	-	690,509
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 13,357,505</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,048,014</u>
2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
Mutual funds	\$ 10,649,009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,649,009
Common collective trusts measured at NAV value (*)	-	-	-	879,533
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 10,649,009</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,528,542</u>

(*) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

The fair value amounts presented in these tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following table summarizes certain information about investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share, which is not readily determinable, as of:

As of December 31, 2023			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Notice Period
Common collective trust funds	\$ 690,509	n/a	Daily
			n/a
As of December 31, 2022			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Notice Period
Common collective trust funds	\$ 879,533	n/a	Daily
			n/a

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Note 5—Party-in-interest transactions

Certain administrative expenses are shares of mutual funds managed by J.P. Morgan. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. These administrative expenses amounted to \$7,086 for the year ended December 31, 2023. Notes receivable from participants qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 6—Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Plan Sponsor 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 such discontinuance results in termination of the Plan, the Plan provides that the assets be allocated among the participants and beneficiaries in the amounts credited to each participant's respective account at the effective date of such termination. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their balances.

Note 7—Tax status

The IRS has determined and informed the Plan's volume submitter sponsor by an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing/Money Purchase/CODA sponsored by Empower Trust Company, LLC, formerly Great-West Trust Company, LLC, which has been adopted by the Plan, is acceptable pursuant to section 401 of the IRC and in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has not received a determination letter specific to the Plan itself, however, the Plan Sponsor believes the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan qualifies under Section 401(a) and the related trust is tax-exempt as of December 31, 2023. The Plan Sponsor believes the Plan has no income subject to unrelated business income tax.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. Plan management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 audit by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 8—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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

Note 9—Reconciliation of financial statements to Form 5500

Net assets on the Form 5500 are reported on the modified cash basis. The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 15,078,264	\$ 12,225,564
Employer contribution receivable	(875,000)	(574,048)
Net assets per Form 5500	<u>\$ 14,203,264</u>	<u>\$ 11,651,516</u>

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Note 9—Reconciliation of financial statements to Form 5500 (continued)

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

Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,852,700
Add prior year employer contribution receivable	574,048
Less current year employer contribution receivable	<u>(875,000)</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 2,551,748</u></u>

Note 10—Subsequent events

In accordance with U.S. GAAP related to subsequent events, the Plan has evaluated all events subsequent through January 31, 2025 the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

**DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND
401(k) PLAN AND TRUST**
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i
EIN: 36-4149498, PLAN 001

DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Dates, Rates of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value
	Common Collective Trust Funds:		
*	JPMorgan	JPMCB STABLE ASSET INCOME F15	\$ 690,509
	Mutual Funds:		
	American Funds	AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPACIFIC GR R3	358,803
	Blackrock	BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOCATION INV A	166,472
	BNY Mellon	BNY MELLON SMALLCAP STOCK INDEX INV	316,103
	DoubleLine	DOUBLELINE TOTAL RETURN BOND N	181,297
	Fidelity	FIDELITY MID CAP INDEX	787,228
	Invesco	INVESCO DEVELOPING MARKETS A	194,558
*	JPMorgan	J P MORGAN EQUITY INCOME A	294,007
*	JPMorgan	J P MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2020 A	719,670
*	JPMorgan	J P MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2025 A	523,268
*	JPMorgan	J P MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2030 A	1,957,496
*	JPMorgan	J P MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2035 A	502,175
*	JPMorgan	J P MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2040 A	1,848,427
*	JPMorgan	J P MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2045 A	1,497,567
*	JPMorgan	J P MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2050 A	1,348,738
*	JPMorgan	J P MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT INCOME A	372,430
*	JPMorgan	JPMORGAN EQUITY INDEX I	995,420
	Metropolitan West Funds	METROPOLITAN WEST TOTAL RE BD ADMIN CL	486,383
	Neuberger & Berman	NEUBERGER & BERMAN GENESIS TRUST	151,478
	Oakmark	OAKMARK INTERNATIONAL INVESTOR	208,562
	PrimeCap Odyssey Funds	PRIMECAP ODYSSEY GROWTH	309,973
	Victory Capital	VICTORY SYCAMORE ESTABLISHED VALUE A	137,450
	Total Mutual Funds		<u>13,357,505</u>
*	Notes receivable from participants	Bearing interest rates of 4.25% to 9.50%, maturity dates through March 2032.	<u>155,250</u>
	Total Assets (Held at End of Year)		<u><u>\$ 14,203,264</u></u>

* An asterisk in column (a) denotes party-in-interest to the Plan.

Column (d) has not been presented as it is not required for participant-directed accounts.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan and Trust

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
1JSRAX			429,507.31	372,430.03
1JTTAX			822,181.06	719,669.66
1JNSAX			579,789.20	523,268.36
1JSMAX			2,120,862.13	1,957,496.17
1SRJAX			516,590.89	502,174.99
1SMTAX			1,889,822.83	1,848,426.62
1JSAAX			1,514,736.04	1,497,567.20
1JTSAX			1,364,644.34	1,348,737.80
1RERCX			358,549.88	358,803.37
1MDLOX			168,956.87	166,472.48
1OAKIX			186,236.28	208,561.64
1ODMAX			204,213.41	194,557.68
1DISSX			348,638.04	316,103.16
1NB-GEN			153,192.76	151,477.80
1FSMDX			668,331.93	787,228.16
1VETAX			123,486.06	137,448.70
1OIEIX			259,258.64	294,007.48
1HLEIX			734,301.43	995,420.39
1POGRX			317,158.79	309,972.78
1DLTNX			197,956.17	181,296.56
1MWTNX			549,700.85	486,383.45
1JPMF15			583,498.89	620,947.93
			14,091,613.80	13,978,452.41
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	4.250-9.500	155,185.48	155,249.68
FORFEITURES			67,660.96	69,561.44

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1JSRAX J P Morgan SmartRetirement Income A
 1JNSAX J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2025 A
 1SRJAX J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2035 A
 1JSAAX J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2045 A
 1RERCX American Funds EuroPacific Gr R3
 1OAKIX Oakmark International Investor
 1DISSX BNY Mellon Smallcap Stock Index Inv
 1FSMDX Fidelity Mid Cap Index
 1OIEIX J P Morgan Equity Income A
 1POGRX PRIMECAP Odyssey Growth
 1MWTNX Metropolitan West Total Re Bd Admin Cl

1JTTAX J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2020 A
 1JSMAX J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2030 A
 1SMTAX J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2040 A
 1JTSAX J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2050 A
 1MDLOX BlackRock Global Allocation Inv A
 1ODMAX Invesco Developing Markets A
 1NB-GEN Neuberger & Berman Genesis Trust
 1VETAX Victory Sycamore Established Value A
 1HLEIX JPMorgan Equity Index I
 1DLTNX DoubleLine Total Return Bond N
 1JPMF15 JPMCB Stable Asset Income F15

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