

<b>Form 5500</b>  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service  Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration  Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	<b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b>  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).  <b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b>	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089  <h2 style="text-align: center;">2023</h2>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 11/01/2023 and ending 10/31/2024

**A** This return/report is for:  a multiemployer plan  a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)  
 a single-employer plan  a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

<b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>CARYLON CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>004</u>
<b>2a</b> 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>CARYLON CORPORATION</u>  <u>2500 W ARTHINGTON STREET</u> <u>CHICAGO, IL 60612</u>	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>11/01/2002</u>  <b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-2148463</u>  <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>312-666-7700</u>  <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>562000</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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/13/2025	ARI MERVIS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE



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

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**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.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **11/01/2023** and ending **10/31/2024**

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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>CARYLON CORPORATION</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>36-2148463</b>	

**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

**T. ROWE PRICE** **4515 PAINTERS MILL RD**  
**OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117-4842**

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

**FIRST AMERICAN BANK**

**36-1078850**

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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)

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

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

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

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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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
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	1600000	2625000
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	1620
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	3586239	2068427
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	990713	2194278
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</b> End of Year
<b>(1)</b> Employer securities .....	<b>1d(1)</b>	117607428	117623757
<b>(2)</b> Employer real property .....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....	<b>1f</b>	123784380	124513082
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....	<b>1g</b>	1134535	1043493
<b>h</b> Operating payables .....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....	<b>1i</b>	1152805	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities .....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	<b>1k</b>	2287340	1043493
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	<b>1l</b>	121497040	123469589

**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.

<b>Income</b>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
<b>(1)</b> Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	7260000	
<b>(B)</b> Participants .....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Noncash contributions .....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		7260000
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	4021	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>		
<b>(F)</b> Other .....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		4021
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock .....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	29590	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		29590
<b>(3)</b> Rents .....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate .....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other .....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	4127149	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)		270808
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d		11691568

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	9665929	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....	2e(4)		9665929
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h		52693
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	50	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	2i(6)	347	
(7) Actuarial fees .....	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees .....	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses .....	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)		397
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j		9719019

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		1972549
<b>l</b> 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: **OSTROW REISIN BERK & ABRAMS LTD.**

(2) EIN: **36-2938874**

**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
<b>a</b> 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>b</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	
<b>c</b> 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	
<b>d</b> 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	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		8000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....		X	
<b>g</b> 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	
<b>h</b> 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	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
<b>j</b> 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	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
<b>n</b> 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.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 11/01/2023 and ending 10/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>CARYLON CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>004</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>CARYLON CORPORATION</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-2148463</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	<b>1</b>	<u>3152867</u>
<b>2</b> 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): <u>20-0726734</u>		
<b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>		
<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	<b>3</b>	

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (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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<b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>			
<b>5</b> 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. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ <b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b>			
<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>		
<b>c</b> 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) .....	<b>6c</b>		
<b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>			
<b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>8</b> 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? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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<b>9</b> 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. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (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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<b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</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.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

<b>a</b> 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) .....	<b>14a</b>	
<b>b</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) .....	<b>14b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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).....	<b>14c</b>	

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>16b</b>	

**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 \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number \_\_\_\_\_.

**CARYLON CORPORATION  
EMPLOYEE STOCK  
OWNERSHIP PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OCTOBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

**CARYLON CORPORATION  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

OCTOBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

Plan Administrator  
Carylon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Carylon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of October 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended October 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Carylon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of October 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended October 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 Carylon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership 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.

### **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 Carylton Corporation Employee Stock Ownership 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 Carylton Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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 Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes as of October 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

*Ostrow Reisin Berk & Abrams, Ltd.*

August 7, 2025

**CARYLON CORPORATION  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

October 31,	2024			2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Assets:						
Cash	\$ 2,068,427		\$ 2,068,427	\$ 3,586,239		\$ 3,586,239
Investments at fair value	2,194,278		2,194,278	990,713		990,713
Receivables:						
Employer contribution	2,625,000		2,625,000		\$ 1,600,000	1,600,000
Other	1,620		1,620			
Investment in Carylon Corporation common stock, at estimated fair value	117,623,757		117,623,757	114,584,336	3,023,092	117,607,428
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>124,513,082</b>		<b>124,513,082</b>	119,161,288	4,623,092	123,784,380
Liabilities:						
Stock acquisition loan debt					1,112,134	1,112,134
Accrued interest					40,671	40,671
Cash distributions in transit	1,043,492		1,043,492	1,134,535		1,134,535
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,043,492</b>		<b>1,043,492</b>	1,134,535	1,152,805	2,287,340
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>\$ 123,469,590</b>		<b>\$ 123,469,590</b>	\$ 118,026,753	\$ 3,470,287	\$ 121,497,040

*See notes to financial statements.*

**CARYLON CORPORATION**  
**EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

Year ended October 31, 2024	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Additions to net assets attributed to:			
Interest and dividend income	\$ 33,611		\$ 33,611
Net unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments and company stock	4,288,026	\$ 109,931	4,397,957
Employer contribution	7,260,000		7,260,000
Allocation of 54,965.3160 shares of common stock of Carylon Corporation	3,568,619		3,568,619
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>15,150,256</b>	<b>109,931</b>	<b>15,260,187</b>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:			
Benefits paid to participants	9,665,929		9,665,929
Administrative expense	396		396
Interest expense	41,094	11,599	52,693
Allocation of 54,965.3160 shares of common stock of Carylon Corporation		3,568,619	3,568,619
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>9,707,419</b>	<b>3,580,218</b>	<b>13,287,637</b>
Net increase (decrease)	5,442,837	(3,470,287)	1,972,550
Net assets available for benefits:			
Beginning of year	118,026,753	3,470,287	121,497,040
End of year	\$ 123,469,590	\$ -	\$ 123,469,590

*See notes to financial statements.*

# **CARYLON CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **1. Description of the Plan**

The following brief description of Carylon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan.

#### **General:**

The Plan was established effective November 1, 2002 by The Carylon Corporation (the Company), the sponsor company, and restated effective November 1, 2013, to provide an incentive for its employees to increase their productivity by enabling them to acquire a stock ownership interest in the Company and to share in the profits of the Company.

The Plan is designed to invest primarily in the stock of the Company, which shall qualify as an “employee stock ownership plan” within the meaning of Section 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) as amended and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

On November 1, 2004, the Plan purchased 2,623,700 shares of Company common stock using \$1,000,287 of cash and the proceeds of a \$36,200,000 loan from the Company. The loan is to be repaid over a 20-year period by Company contributions to the Plan. As the Plan makes each payment of principal, an appropriate percentage of stock will be allocated to eligible employees’ accounts in accordance with the Code.

The loan is collateralized by the unallocated shares of stock. The Company has no rights against shares once they are allocated under the Plan. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of October 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended October 31, 2024, present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

- a. the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock (allocated) and
- b. stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated).

#### **Eligibility:**

Employees become eligible to participate after one year of service, as of the next entry date (May 1 or November 1) and attainment of the age of 21, providing they worked at least 1,000 hours during such Plan year. Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, which does not provide for coverage under the Plan and employees who are nonresident aliens with no U.S. source of income are excluded from participating.

# **CARYLON CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

### **1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

#### **Payment of benefits:**

A participant becomes entitled to benefits under the Plan upon reaching normal retirement age, death, permanent disability or resignation from the Company, to be paid in a manner specified in the Plan.

#### **Voting rights:**

The Trustee shall vote the share of Company stock held in the Plan with respect to all matters. Each participant will be entitled to direct the Trustee as to how to vote the share of Company stock allocated to their Company Stock Account with respect to any proposed merger or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, sale of substantially all the assets of a trade or business or such similar transactions as shall be specified in the Code.

#### **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 be paid in lump-sum.

#### **Participant accounts:**

The Plan is a defined-contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of the Company's contribution, an allocation of shares of the Company's common stock released by the Trustee from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts. Generally, only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company on the last day of the Plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation relative to total eligible compensation.

#### **Vesting:**

A participant shall have a vested and nonforfeitable right to the balances credited to their Company stock, ESOP cash and other investment accounts after five years of service or attainment of the age of 65.

Subsequent to October 31, 2024, the Plan document was restated and implemented a grading vesting schedule for new participants who perform an hour of service after October 31, 2024: 0% before 2 years, 25% at 2 years, 50% at 3 years, 75% at 4 years and 100% at 5 years.

# **CARYLON CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

### **1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

#### **Put option:**

Under Federal income tax regulations, the employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradeable on an established market or is subject to trading limitations includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the fair market value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period of five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

#### **Diversification:**

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants who are at least the age of 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the number of shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%.

#### **Participant accounts and forfeitures:**

The employer's contribution and forfeitures are allocated to each participant in the ratio that each participant's eligible compensation bears to the total eligible compensation of all participants. Investment income or losses pertaining to allocated shares are allocated on the basis that the participant's Company Stock Account bears to the total stock account balances of all participants. Forfeitures allocated from terminated participants for the year ended October 31, 2024 were \$2,021 plus 4,240.2058 shares of Company stock, which had a total share value of \$241,692.

### **2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

#### **Basis of accounting:**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **CARYLON CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

### **2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

#### **Use of estimates:**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Valuation of investments and income recognition:**

The Plan's investments consist primarily of common stock of the Company valued at fair value. Fair value is determined annually by an independent appraisal.

Interest income is recognized when earned and dividend income is recognized when declared. Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments represents the change in the value of investments from the beginning of the Plan year (or date when purchased, if later) to the end of the Plan year.

#### **Expenses of the Plan:**

Third-party administration, audit and legal fees and other operating expenses were paid by the Company for the year ended October 31, 2024.

#### **Allocations:**

The financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to (a) the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock (allocated) and (b) stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated), including shares that are committed to be released. Shares are released from collateral and become allocated generally in the period in which debt service is actually paid.

#### **Payment of benefits:**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

#### **Subsequent events:**

The Plan Administrator has reviewed and evaluated subsequent events through August 7, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**3. Tax status**

The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan presently meets the requirements of Section 401(a) of the Code and, accordingly, its income is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Code. A similar status exists for state income taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated July 1, 2014, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code.

**4. Administration of Plan assets**

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of sponsor company common shares, are held by the Trustee of the Plan.

Company contributions are held and managed by the Trustee, who invest cash received, interest and dividend income, and make distributions to participants. The Trustee also administers the payment of interest and principal on the loan, which is reimbursed to the Trustee through contributions as determined by the Company.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Administrative expenses are paid directly by the Company.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**5. Fair value measurements**

There are three levels of inputs used to measure fair value. The definition of each input is described below:

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Level 1	Inputs to valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
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Level 2	Inputs to the valuation methodology include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;</li><li>• quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;</li><li>• inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;</li><li>• inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.</li></ul> <p>If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.</p>
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Level 3	Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.
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The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**5. Fair value measurements (continued)**

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at October 31, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual funds: Valued at the market value of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Sponsor company common stock: The fair value of the sponsor company common stock held by the Plan is valued at fair value based upon an independent appraisal. This appraisal was based upon a combination of the market and income valuation techniques consistent with prior years. The appraiser took into account historical and projected cash flow and net income, return on assets, return on equity, market comparables and estimated fair value of the Company's assets and liabilities.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan's valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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**5. Fair value measurements (continued)**

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value at October 31, 2024 and 2023:

October 31, 2024	Level 1	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 2,194,278		\$ 2,194,278
Investment in Carylon Corporation common stock		\$ 117,623,757	117,623,757
<b>Total assets at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 2,194,278</b>	<b>\$ 117,623,757</b>	<b>\$ 119,818,035</b>

October 31, 2023	Level 1	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 990,713		\$ 990,713
Investment in Carylon Corporation common stock		\$ 117,607,428	117,607,428
<b>Total assets at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 990,713</b>	<b>\$ 117,607,428</b>	<b>\$ 118,598,141</b>

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 asset for the year ended October 31, 2024:

Balance, October 31, 2023	\$ 117,607,428
Net change in unrealized appreciation in estimated fair value of Company stock	4,127,149
Distributions of Company stock (74,742.1955 shares)	(4,110,820)
<b>Balance, October 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 117,623,757</b>

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**6. Investments**

Investments in closely held stock held by the Plan were as follows:

October 31, 2024	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
<b>Carylon Corporation</b>			
common shares:			
Number of shares	2,063,574.6871		2,063,574.6871
Cost	\$ 29,258,517		\$ 29,258,517
Estimated fair value	\$ 117,623,757		\$ 117,623,757

October 31, 2023	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
<b>Carylon Corporation</b>			
common shares:			
Number of shares	2,083,351.5666	54,965.3160	2,138,316.8826
Cost	\$ 29,538,924	\$ 779,329	\$ 30,318,253
Estimated fair value	\$ 114,584,336	\$ 3,023,092	\$ 117,607,428

**7. Loan payable**

On November 1, 2004, the Plan entered into a \$36,200,000 loan agreement with the Company. The proceeds of the loan, plus cash on hand in the amount of \$1,000,287, were used to purchase 2,623,700 shares of Company common stock. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. The agreement provides for the loan to be repaid over 20 years in level amounts of principal and interest. The loan bears fixed interest at 4.70% per annum.

The loan was repaid in January 2024.

**8. Employer contributions**

Any amount the Company may elect to contribute to the Plan is its sole discretion; however, the Company must contribute an amount that will enable the Plan to repay the Plan loan in accordance with the Plan's contractual commitment.

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**9. Release of Company shares**

The Plan's Company common stock shares were initially pledged as collateral for the loan. As the loan is repaid, shares are released from collateral and allocated to active participants, based upon the proportion of debt service paid during the year.

The Plan shares were as follows:

Year ended October 31, 2024	
Total allocated shares at beginning of year	2,083,351.5666
Shares allocated during the year	54,965.3160
Shares distributed or repurchased during the year	(74,742.1955)
Total allocated shares at end of year	
	2,063,574.6871
Unallocated shares	
Total Plan shares	
	2,063,574.6871
Fair value of unallocated shares	
	\$ -

**10. Related plan**

The Company also maintains a 401(k) plan which covers substantially the same group of employees.

**11. Party-in-interest transactions**

For the year ended October 31, 2024, the Plan engaged in transactions with parties-in-interest, including the sponsor company. These transactions included contributions to the Plan, administration of Plan assets, and purchases and sales of the Company's stock.

The Plan held shares of the Company's stock, which is considered a party-in-interest. Additionally, certain Plan investments are managed by financial institutions that may also provide services to the Plan.

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**12. Concentration of credit risk**

The Plan maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally-insured limits. At October 31, 2024, the Plan had approximately \$1,818,000 in excess of federally-insured limits. Management believes that the Plan is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

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**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES**

**OCTOBER 31, 2024**

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Plan #004

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	Wells Fargo	Cash	\$ 2,068,427	\$ 2,068,427
	T. Rowe Price	Mutual funds	1,691,040	2,194,278
*	Carylon Corporation	2,063,574.6871 shares common stock	29,258,517	117,623,757
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