

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; text-align: center;"><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

**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**

<p><b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>ZS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>
<p><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>ZS ASSOCIATES, INC.</u></p> <p><u>IRENE BIRGINA</u> <u>1560 SHERMAN AVENUE</u> <u>SUITE 700</u> <u>EVANSTON, IL 60201</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>12/28/1984</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-3249852</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>847-492-3600</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>541600</u></p>

**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.	09/09/2025	IRENE BIRGINA
	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

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	4425
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	3002
	<b>6a(2)</b>	2902
	<b>6b</b>	2
	<b>6c</b>	1545
	<b>6d</b>	4449
	<b>6e</b>	1
	<b>6f</b>	4450
	<b>6g(1)</b>	4335
<b>6g(2)</b>	4274	
<b>6h</b>	351	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 3H 2K 2S 2T 2E 2F 2G 2J 3D

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

- (1)  **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)  **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)  **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)  **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached \_\_\_\_\_
- (5)  **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

- (1)  **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)  **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)  **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4)  **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)  **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)  **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>ZS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ZS ASSOCIATES, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>36-3249852</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

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**(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)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	50000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	ACCOUNTANT/A UDITOR	24300	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	-395453	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AS SPL SM CAP VAL IS - SS&C GIDS, 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BARON GROWTH - SS&C GLOBAL INVESTO 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	0.40%	

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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BARON GROWTH INST - SS&C GLOBAL IN 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DAVIS NY VENTURE Y - SS&C GIDS, IN 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
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**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VRS PARTNERS Y - FIS INVESTOR SERV 14785 PRESTON ROAD SUITE 1000 DALLAS, TX 75254	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

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

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

<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:
<b>c</b> Position:	
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<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service  Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	<b>DFE/Participating Plan 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>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>ZS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <span style="float: right;">▶</span> <u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ZS ASSOCIATES, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-3249852</u>

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>INVESCO GRTH &amp; INC I</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>INVESCO TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>20-2583973-101</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4860244</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MORLEY STABLE VALUE</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>93-6274329-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1725518</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SP INTL INDEX C</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GEODE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>82-6293122-011</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>14658351</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SP 500 INDEX PL CL C</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GEODE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT TRUST</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>82-6293122-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>140944901</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>FID GROWTH CO POOL A</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>04-3022712-135</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>111595844</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SP SMALL CP IND CL C</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GEODE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>82-6293122-009</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>5204001</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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<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>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>ZS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ZS ASSOCIATES, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>36-3249852</b>

<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>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	5842590	7865750
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	1695244	1772731
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	90375134	278988859
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	430274081	369911986
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	0	0
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	528187049	658539326
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	0	0
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	0	0
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	528187049	658539326

**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>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	12014397	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	48367178	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	5202241	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	65583816
(3) 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>		
<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>	338830	466929
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	128099	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	0	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	14474102
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	14474102	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		
(3) Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	0	
<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>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	0	
<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)	46125933
(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)	38390708
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c	0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d	165041488

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	35010364
(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)	35010364
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f	0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g	0
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h	0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	-395453
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	24300
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	50000
(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)	-321153
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j	34689211

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....	2k	130352277
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:		
(1) To this plan .....	2l(1)	0
(2) From this plan .....	2l(2)	0

**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: **DONOVAN CPAS**

(2) EIN: **35-1356555**

**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		500000
<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.		X	

**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>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>ZS ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ZS ASSOCIATES, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-3249852</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.**

**1** Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... 

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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 04-6568107

**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..... 

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<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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**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.**

<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>	

**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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**9** If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....  Increase  Decrease  Both  No

<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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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....  Yes  No

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

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

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

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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:

<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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.



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The Plan Administrator  
ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan  
Evanston, Illinois

We audited the financial statements of ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 for the year ended December 31, 2024 and we issued our report thereon dated July 30, 2025. Professional standards require us to provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 15, 2025. Professional standards also require us to communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## **Significant Audit Matters**

### Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Plan are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2024. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are the valuation of investments and investment transactions. These values are certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, as complete and accurate.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. We identified no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

### Form 5500 Procedures

We are required to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of Form 5500 prior to dating our auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing our audit.

### Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

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### Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. As outlined in our engagement letter, we drafted the financial statements from certified information provided by the Plan's trustee. As a result of this arrangement, there were no misstatements, corrected or uncorrected.

### Reportable Findings

For purposes of this letter, a reportable finding is a matter including one or more of the following: (1) noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations, (2) a finding which in our professional judgment is significant and relevant to you regarding your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process, and (3) an indication of internal control deficiencies identified during the audit which have not been previously communicated to management by other parties and that we determined are sufficiently important to merit management's attention. We identified no such reportable findings.

### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, which could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### Management Representations

We requested certain representations from management which are included in the management representation letter dated July 30, 2025.

### Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a second opinion on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Plan's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion which may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### Other Audit Findings or Issue

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Plan's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### **Other Matters**

With respect to the ERISA-required supplemental schedule accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine the information complies with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the ERISA-required supplemental schedule to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the plan administrator and management of ZS Associates, Inc. and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Donovan CPAs  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
July 30, 2025

**ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan**

Financial Statements  
Together with Independent Auditor's Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024



# ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

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## *Independent Auditor's Report*

The Plan Administrator  
ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan  
Evanston, Illinois

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

We performed an audit of the financial statements of ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, elected to have the audit of ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier which is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided 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 obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2024 stating the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### **Opinion**

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

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

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## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements 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, which raise substantial doubt about ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are issued.

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

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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing 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, which raise substantial doubt about ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

#### **Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) on pages 13 and 14 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, is 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 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 dark ink that reads "DONOVAN". The letters are slightly slanted and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word.

Donovan CPAs  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
July 30, 2025

**ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments		
Money market fund, at fair value	\$ 7,865,750	\$ 5,842,590
Mutual funds, at fair value	369,911,986	430,274,081
Collective trust funds, at contract value	278,988,859	90,375,134
Total investments	656,766,595	526,491,805
Notes receivable from participants	1,772,731	1,695,244
<b>Net Assets Available For Benefits</b>	<b>\$ 658,539,326</b>	<b>\$ 528,187,049</b>

See independent auditor's report and notes to the financial statements

**ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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**Contributions**

Employer, net of forfeitures	\$ 12,014,398
Participant	48,367,178
Participant rollover	5,202,241
Total contributions	65,583,817

**Earnings on Investments**

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	84,516,360
Interest and dividend income from investments	14,811,564
Interest on notes receivable from participants	129,698
Total earnings on investments	99,457,622

**Expenses**

Benefits paid to participants, including transfers out of the plan	35,010,364
Administrative expenses	74,300
Investment management fees, net of revenue sharing	(395,502)
Total expenses	34,689,162

**Net Change**

130,352,277

**Net Assets Available For Benefits**

Beginning of year	528,187,049
End of year	\$ 658,539,326

See independent auditor's report and notes to the financial statements

**ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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**Note 1 - Description of the Plan**

The following brief description of ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan instrument for complete information.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all non-leased employees of ZS Associates, Inc. (the Company) who have at least three months of service and are at least age 20 ½ years of age. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Unless otherwise elected, participants are automatically enrolled to contribute 3% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, upon attainment of the eligibility requirements. Additionally, unless otherwise elected, every July 1st, participant deferral percentages are automatically escalated by 1% per year until a limit of 7% is reached. Participants may elect to contribute up to the lesser of 53% of compensation, as defined by the Plan, or the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) (401(g)(1)), adjusted annually for the cost of living. Participants may also elect to make Roth contributions, defined in the Plan, under the same terms previously described. Individuals who attain the age of 50 by the end of the plan year may make additional pre-tax catch-up contributions subject to IRC limits. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans.

The Company makes matching contributions equal to 100% of participant deferrals up to 3% of eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan. The Company may also make discretionary contributions. The Company made no discretionary contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company discretionary matching contributions, Company discretionary contribution, and plan earnings thereon. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit which can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of credited service. A participant will become vested in the Company's contributions according to the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Less than 2 years	0%
2 to 3 years	20%
3 to 4 years	40%
4 to 5 years	60%
5 to 6 years	80%
Over 6 years	100%

**ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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**Note 1 – Description of the Plan (Continued)**

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants are able to invest in a variety of investment choices as more fully described in the Plan document. Participants may change their investment options at any time during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

The Plan allows participants to borrow from their accounts. Notes receivable may not be less than \$1,000 and are limited to the lesser of a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of the participant's vested account balance at the time the note is issued, reduced by their highest outstanding note balance during the prior 12-month period. The notes bear interest at a rate determined under the provisions of the Plan, and each participant note is considered an investment of that participant's account. Accordingly, principal and interest payments are credited to the respective participant's account. Note terms range from one to five years or up to ten years for the purchase of a primary residence.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may receive a lump-sum amount equal to the vested value of his or her account. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. A participant may be eligible for a withdrawal due to early retirement or financial hardship in certain circumstances.

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$260,301 and \$336,528 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Forfeitures may be used to pay employer contributions or administrative expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2024, \$83,332 of forfeitures were used to reduce plan administrative expenses and \$2,238,989 of forfeitures were used to reduce employer matching contributions.

**Note 2 – Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies**

Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), which requires management to make estimates and assumptions affecting certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value except for the collective trust, which is reported at contract value. Fair value is the price which would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

**ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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**Note 2 – Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are reported at their unpaid principal balances plus accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable are reclassified based on the terms of the Plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 or 2023.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Plan Administrative Expenses

Loan origination fees associated with notes receivable from participants and the Plan's record keeping and trustee fees are paid by the Plan and are reflected in the financial statements as administrative expenses of the Plan. Investment management fees are charged to the Plan as a reduction of investment return and are included in the investment income reported by the Plan. Some investments in the Plan offer revenue sharing which is credited to participants who are invested in these funds. Recordkeeping fees are then charged to the Plan and paid from the forfeiture account. In some instances, the revenue sharing credit can exceed administrative expenses. All other expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company. Administrative expenses for investment advice, third party record keeping, the preparation of the annual 5500, and the required annual audit for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 are paid either by the Plan or the Company. See Note 8 for details regarding parties-in-interest.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated by management through July 30, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements**

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

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

**ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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**Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

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

The 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 December 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Money market fund:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund (Level 1 inputs).

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end investments registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are deemed to be actively traded (Level 1 inputs).

The following tables set forth the Plan's investments by level within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31:

<b>2024</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Money market fund	\$ 7,865,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,865,750
Mutual funds	369,911,986	-	-	369,911,986
	<u>\$ 377,777,736</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 377,777,736</u>
<b>2023</b>				
Money market fund	\$ 5,842,590	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,842,590
Mutual funds	430,274,081	-	-	430,274,081
	<u>\$ 436,116,671</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 436,116,671</u>

**Note 4 – Collective Trusts Funds**

The Plan invests in collective trust funds, which invest in benefit-responsive investment contracts issued by insurance companies and other financial institutions, fixed income securities, and money market funds. The funds may also invest in futures contracts, option contracts, and swap agreements. The contracts and securities purchased for the funds are backed solely by the financial resources of the issuers of such contracts and securities.

These contracts meet the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investments at contract value.

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**Note 4 – Collective Trust Funds (Continued)**

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include (1) amendments to the plan documents, including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan, (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events, such as divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary, (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for the exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA, and (5) premature termination of the contract. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (2) a breach of a material obligation under the contract, (3) a material misrepresentation, and (4) a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of the issuer.

**Note 5 – Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) determined the prototype plan used by the Plan and related trust is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code, as indicated in a letter dated June 30, 2020. The Plan was most recently restated on August 11, 2021. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator believes the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

U.S. GAAP requires management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position which more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by jurisdictions. There are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**Note 6 – Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

**Note 7 – Certified Information**

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan's investments were maintained by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the trustee). The trustee supplied the plan administrator with a certification as to the completeness and accuracy of all information relating to investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and income and expenses on such investments for the year ended December 31, 2024. The certified information includes total investments of \$658,539,326 and \$528,187,049 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and the activity reported on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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**Note 8 – Party-In-Interest Transactions**

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor regulations as any fiduciary of the plan, any party rendering service to the plan, the employer, and certain others. The Plan holds certain investment funds managed by the plan trustee. Such investments and the Plan's payment of fees qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from plan participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Some professional fees for the administration and audit of the Plan are paid directly by the Company.

**Note 9 – Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to numerous 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 changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**Note 10 – Plan Amendment**

Effective August 2024, the Plan was amended to credit predecessor employer service for Digital Additive, Inc. for employees who were employed on May 31, 2024.

**Supplemental Schedule**

**ZS Associates, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan**  
**EIN: 36-3249852 Plan: 001**  
**Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)**  
**December 31, 2024**

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund	Money Market Fund	**	\$ 7,865,750
	Access Capital Community Fund	Mutual Fund	**	43,432
	Allspring Special Small Cap Val Fund	Mutual Fund	**	547,252
	American Fund EuroPacific Gr Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,757,455
	Baron Growth Institutional Fund	Mutual Fund	**	11,059,969
	Davis New York Venture Y Fund	Mutual Fund	**	7,267,864
	DFA Emerging Markets Val I Fund	Mutual Fund	**	5,743,507
*	Fidelity Capital and Income Fund	Mutual Fund	**	5,969,465
*	Fidelity Europe Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,053,941
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2010 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	115,928
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2015 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	11,510
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,564,725
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	3,384,757
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	10,659,132
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	13,297,534
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	23,715,772
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	33,618,733
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	56,669,069
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	64,625,615
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2060 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	41,686,188
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2065 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	11,495,604
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2070 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	87,164
*	Fidelity Freedom K Income Fund	Mutual Fund	**	296,009
*	Fidelity Government National Mortgage A Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,615,252
	Total to next page			<u>\$ 299,285,876</u>

\* Investment represents party-in-interest, but not a prohibited transaction.

\*\* Cost has been omitted for participant-directed investments.

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Total from previous page			\$ 299,285,876
*	Fidelity Leveraged Co Stock K Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,585,962
*	Fidelity Low Priced Stock ST K6	Mutual Fund	**	9,185,153
*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	6,251,851
*	Fidelity Mid Cap Stock K6	Mutual Fund	**	7,342,290
*	Fidelity Overseas K Fund	Mutual Fund	**	4,848,305
*	Fidelity US Bond Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	14,621,827
*	Fidelity Value K Fund	Mutual Fund	**	7,226,698
	Janus Balanced N Fund	Mutual Fund	**	9,355,717
	Janus Henderson Mid Cap Value N Fund	Mutual Fund	**	781,834
	Loomis Small Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	**	680,496
	Northern World Selection Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,288,106
	PIMCO Real Return Inst Fund	Mutual Fund	**	669,996
	Victory RS Partners Fund Class Y Fund	Mutual Fund	**	4,094,380
	Virtus NFJ Dividend Value Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,693,495
	Total mutual funds			369,911,986
*	Fidelity Growth Company Fund	Collective Trust	**	111,595,844
	Invesco Growth and Income Fund	Collective Trust	**	4,860,244
	Morley Stable Value Fund	Collective Trust	**	1,725,518
	SP 500 Index PL CL C	Collective Trust	**	140,944,901
	SP Small CP Ind CL C	Collective Trust	**	5,204,001
	SP Intl Index C	Collective Trust	**	14,658,351
	Total collective trusts			278,988,859
*	Notes receivable from participants	Varying maturity dates; Interest rates 4.50% - 9.75%		1,772,731
	<b>Total Assets (Held at End of Year)</b>			<b>\$ 658,539,326</b>

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**Schedule of Lead Auditor**  
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