

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security  
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

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1210-0089

2024

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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.) [x] 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: [x] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] the DFVC program [ ] special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 003
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1994
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): ENCORE GROUP (USA), LLC
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 13-4025666
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 800-876-5141
2d Business code (see instructions): 532289

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<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>	13092
<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>	9014
	<b>6a(2)</b>	10531
	<b>6b</b>	85
	<b>6c</b>	2293
	<b>6d</b>	12909
	<b>6e</b>	54
	<b>6f</b>	12963
	<b>6g(1)</b>	12402
<b>6g(2)</b>	11662	
<b>6h</b>	369	
<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:  
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3H

**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>ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>003</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ENCORE GROUP (USA), LLC</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>13-4025666</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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**06-1050034**

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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)

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD  
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

06-1050034

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER 7	657852	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"/>

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

GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC DBA

1100 SUPERIOR AVE STE 1700  
CLEVELAND OH  
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

36-4291971

(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	ADVISOR	80000	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)

P&M HOLDING GROUP LLP DBA PLANTE

16060 COLLECTIONS CENTER DRIVE  
CHICAGO IL  
CHICAGO, IL 60693

38-1357951

(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	AUDITOR	43500	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"/>

**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)

ADVISED ASSETS GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD  
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28	INVESTMENT MGMT	26937	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)

SIKICH CPA LLC

333 JOHN CARLYLE ST STE 500  
ALEXANDRIA VA  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

(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	AUDITOR	7250	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)

(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?
			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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<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

**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:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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

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<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:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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>  <hr/> <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ENCORE GROUP (USA), LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>13-4025666</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>THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2055 TRU</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>27-6715091-001</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>33858127</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2045 TRU</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>90-6083972-001</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>53420376</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2050 TRU</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>90-6083970-001</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>48525990</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2040 TRU</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>90-6083974-001</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>46280713</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>04-3159710-202</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>5849624</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2065 TRU</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>82-6194314-001</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>5513052</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2020 TRU</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>90-6083982-001</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>8347322</u>

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2030 TRU

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-6083978-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 40228863
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2025 TRU

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-6083980-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 23146637
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VAN TGT RETIRE 2070 TRUST II

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 87-7039453-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 470734
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE INCM TRU

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-6083967-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4368971
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2060 TRU

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 45-3799419-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 17469820
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: THE VANGUARD TARGET RETIRE 2035 TRU

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-6083976-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 50299516
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

**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>ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>003</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ENCORE GROUP (USA), LLC</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>13-4025666</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>	
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions	<b>1b(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions	<b>1b(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Other	<b>1b(3)</b>	
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	<b>1c(1)</b>	
<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>	5614829
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts	<b>1c(9)</b>	7890123
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	<b>1c(10)</b>	298482032
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	<b>1c(11)</b>	337779745
<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>	81190076
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	<b>1c(14)</b>	107567396
<b>(15)</b> Other	<b>1c(15)</b>	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	385286937	453237264
<b>Liabilities</b>			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	385286937	453237264

**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: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	11732357	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	34423702	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	2645684	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		48801743
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	469460	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		469460
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	5289243	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		5289243
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B).....	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		37119549
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		9660266
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		210524
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		101550785

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	32652902	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		32652902
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		132017
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	657852	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>	130750	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	26937	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		815539
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		33600458

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		67950327
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: **SIKICH CPA LLC**

(2) EIN: **54-1172176**

**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.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	132
<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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5000000
<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**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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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>003</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ENCORE GROUP (USA), LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>13-4025666</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..... 

<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>
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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): 20-3691708

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

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

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

**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 09 / 16 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704336A.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Plan Administrator of  
Encore Group (USA) LLC Retirement Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Encore Group (USA) LLC Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### **Opinion**

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

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

## **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the 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 that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

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

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 and the schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

*Schein CPA LLC*

Naperville, Illinois  
August 22, 2025

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments at fair value	\$ 445,347,141	\$ 379,672,108
Receivables		
Employer contribution	3,505,213	3,089,415
Notes receivable from participants	7,890,123	5,614,829
Total receivables	<u>11,395,336</u>	<u>8,704,244</u>
Total assets	<u>456,742,477</u>	<u>388,376,352</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
None	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u><u>\$ 456,742,477</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 388,376,352</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>ADDITIONS IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO</b>		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 46,563,772	\$ 54,839,557
Interest and dividends	5,505,286	2,678,283
Total investment income	52,069,058	57,517,840
Interest on notes receivable from participants	469,460	288,507
Contributions		
Employee	34,423,702	30,616,772
Rollover	2,645,684	3,169,589
Employer	12,148,155	11,048,593
Total contributions	49,217,541	44,834,954
Total additions	101,756,059	102,641,301
<b>DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	32,510,351	27,000,366
Administrative expenses	879,583	733,973
Total deductions	33,389,934	27,734,339
NET INCREASE	68,366,125	74,906,962
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	388,376,352	313,469,390
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR	\$ 456,742,477	\$ 388,376,352

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of Encore Group (USA) LLC Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Encore Group (USA) LLC, Conference Systems, Inc., Concise Media Design, Inc. and Hargrove, LLC (collectively the Company) who have completed one month of service and are age 18 or older. The Plan excludes leased employees, union employees, and residents of Puerto Rico. Effective January 16, 2023, the Plan also excludes Part-Time Casual employees whose regularly scheduled service is less than 1,000 hours. Prior to January 16, 2023, the Plan excluded as needed employees whose regularly scheduled service is less than 1,000 hours. There are no additional requirements to be eligible for discretionary matching contributions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants are permitted to designate a portion or all of their deferral contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 4% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. Existing employees from the Hargrove, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan will have their deferral percentage increased each January 1st by 1% each year up to a maximum of 10% of eligible compensation.

**ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Contributions (Continued)

The Company may elect to make discretionary matching contributions. During 2024 and 2023, the Company matched 50% of participant deferrals up to 6% of compensation. For union represented employees covered under contracts with Local 8 IATSE Philadelphia, PA, Local 15 Tech IATSE Seattle, WA, Local 22 IATSE Washington DC Riggers, and Local 122 IATSE San Diego, CA, the Company matches 25% of participant deferrals up to 6% of compensation. For union represented employees covered under contract with Local 1 Greenbriar, WV, the Company matches 50% of participant deferrals up to 6% of compensation. Effective January 16, 2023, Part-Time Casual employees receive matching contributions of 50% of participant deferrals up to 6% of compensation. Union represented Part-Time Casual employees receive matching contributions of 25% of participant deferrals up to 6% of compensation.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations as mandated by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

Investment Options

Participants may direct all their contributions among one or more funds subject to the allocation limitations set forth in the Plan. Changes in allocation of future contributions and transfers among funds of presently invested contributions are permitted pursuant to the Plan's provisions.

Participant Accounts

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

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Participants from Hargrove, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan are 100% vested in both old and new contributions. All other participants' vesting in the Company's discretionary matching contribution portion of their accounts is based on the following table:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	0%
2	25%
3	50%
4	75%
5	100%

**ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to the maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, less defaulted loans (if any). Participants can have only one loan outstanding at any time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. The term of the loan may not exceed 5 years or 15 years if the loan proceeds will be used to acquire the principal residence of the participant. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or substantially equal installments or partial withdrawals for reasons other than death. A participant that terminates employment whose account balance is less than \$7,000 (previously \$5,000 prior to April 1, 2024) will receive a distribution of their vested aggregate account balance without the consent of the participant. If the distribution is less than \$1,000 the distribution will be made in the form of lump sum cash. If the distribution is greater than \$1,000, but less than \$7,000, the Plan will pay the distribution in an automatic direct rollover to an individual retirement account (IRA). In-service withdrawals of all or a portion of the participant's vested account balance are also permitted upon the participant's attainment of age 59½. Participants may elect to receive early retirement benefits upon the later of the participant's attainment of age 55 or six years of vesting service. Under certain conditions participants may receive a hardship distribution if certain criteria is met.

Forfeited Accounts

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$289,204 and \$173,863, respectively. These amounts will be used in accordance with the applicable plan provisions. During the plan years 2024 and 2023, forfeitures of \$1,041,433 and \$509,830, respectively, were used to reduce the Company's contributions. Additionally, during the plan years 2024 and 2023, forfeitures of \$130,750 and \$122,287, respectively, were used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounting

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

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) and requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan Administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers and trustee. 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 and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest less amounts defaulted (if any). Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Loan administration and distribution fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. The Plan also pays certain investment advisory and plan administration fees from plan assets. Certain investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Recent Accounting and Regulatory Pronouncements

The SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 was signed into law on December 29, 2022. This legislation includes a vast array of provisional changes to retirement plans, becoming effective in 2023 and beyond. Plan management adopted mandatory provisions effective for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. Plan management continues to evaluate the impact of the optional provisions of SECURE 2.0 and awaiting additional regulatory guidance from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Department of Labor (DOL). The application of SECURE 2.0 Act did not have a material effect on the Plan's financial statements for the plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The Plan will be amended to reflect any changes made in response to SECURE 2.0 prior to the deadline set by law or applicable regulations.

**3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

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

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- a. Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets,
- b. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets,
- c. Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability,
- d. Inputs that are 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 the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

**3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

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

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

*Mutual funds and money market mutual fund:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Collective trusts:* Investments are valued using the NAV provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of units outstanding. The NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure the securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

*Stable value collective trust fund:* A stable value fund that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts that is valued at the net asset value of units of the bank collective trust. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the stable value collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure the securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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 believes its 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.

**ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

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

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Mutual funds and money				
market mutual fund	\$ 107,567,396	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107,567,396
Collective trust funds	331,930,121	-	-	331,930,121
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 439,497,517</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>439,497,517</b>
Investments measured at net asset value <sup>(a)</sup>				5,849,624
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE</b>				<b>\$ 445,347,141</b>

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Mutual funds and money				
market mutual fund	\$ 81,190,076	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,190,076
Collective trust funds	292,711,229	-	-	292,711,229
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 373,901,305</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>373,901,305</b>
Investments measured at net asset value <sup>(a)</sup>				5,770,803
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE</b>				<b>\$ 379,672,108</b>

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

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**3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient

The following table presents the fair value, unfunded commitments, participant redemption frequency, and participant redemption notice period for plan investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Investment	Fair Value		Unfunded Commitments		Participant Redemption Frequency	Participant Redemption Notice Period
	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Putnam Stable Value Fund	\$ 5,849,624	\$ 5,770,803	\$ -	\$ -	Daily	None

**4. CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The financial data included in the accompanying financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, has been certified as complete and accurate by Empower Trust Company, LLC, a qualified institution. The following certified information was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate, and has not been audited by the independent auditors for the Plan: investments at fair value, notes receivable from participants, interest and dividends, interest on notes receivable from participants, and net appreciation in fair value of investments.

**5. 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 would become 100% vested in their employer contributions. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

**6. TAX STATUS**

The Company adopted a non-standardized pre-approved plan document, which received an opinion letter dated September 16, 2022, in which the IRS stated that the non-standardized pre-approved plan document was in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has not received a determination letter specific to the Plan itself and has been amended since adopting the non-standardized pre-approved plan document; however, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

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**6. TAX STATUS (Continued)**

US GAAP requires management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**7. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund. Certain administrative expenses were paid by the Plan or the Company. The Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balance in the participants' accounts. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

**8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

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

**9. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500**

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net assets per the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 456,742,477	\$ 388,376,352
Less employer contributions receivable	<u>(3,505,213)</u>	<u>(3,089,415)</u>
NET ASSETS PER THE FORM 5500	<u>\$ 453,237,264</u>	<u>\$ 385,286,937</u>

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**9. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500 (Continued)**

The following is a reconciliation of net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net income per the Form 5500 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 68,366,125	\$ 74,906,962
Net change in receivable	(415,798)	(359,886)
Change in excess contribution	-	(111,629)
NET INCOME PER THE FORM 5500	<u>\$ 67,950,327</u>	<u>\$ 74,435,447</u>

**10. PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS**

During 2023, the Company failed to remit to the Plan's trustee certain employee contributions and loan repayments totaling \$2,872 within the period prescribed by Department of Labor's regulations. Delays in remitting contributions and loan repayments to the trustee were due to administrative errors, and the Company has made contributions to the affected participants' accounts to compensate those participants for potential lost income due to the delays.

**11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through August 22, 2025, which was the date that these financial statements were available for issuance and noted the following subsequent events:

Effective January 1, 2025, the Plan was amended and as a result, the following plan provisions changed:

- Participants must be employed on the last day of the Plan quarter to be eligible for discretionary matching contributions
- Union represented employees covered under contract with Local 611 (Monterrey CA) are also eligible for the Company match of 25% of participant deferrals up to 6% of compensation

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i

EIN: 13-4025666 PLAN: #003

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
<b>Stable Value Collective Trust Fund</b>				
	Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company	Putnam Stable Value Fund	**	\$ 5,849,624
<b>Mutual Funds and Money Market Mutual Fund</b>				
	Alliance Bernstein	AB Small Cap Growth Z	**	1,586,758
	Allspring Global	Allspring Special Small Cap Value R6	**	1,133,455
	American Funds	American Funds EuroPacific Growth R6	**	3,502,586
	American Funds	American Funds Washington Mutual R6	**	4,873,093
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA Inflation-Protected Securities I	**	1,838,351
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index	**	37,578,823
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	**	5,648,162
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Index	**	3,407,876
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Total International Index	**	5,462,794
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Total Market Index	**	14,215,764
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index	**	3,722,639
	PIMCO	PIMCO Total Return Institutional	**	3,093,895
	Vanguard	Vanguard International Value	**	1,515,203
	William Blair	William Blair Growth I	**	14,894,924
	Vanguard	Vanguard Federal Money Market Investor	**	5,093,073
	Total mutual funds and money market mutual fund			<u>107,567,396</u>
<b>Collective Trusts</b>				
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Trust II	**	8,347,322
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust II	**	23,146,637
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Trust II	**	40,228,863
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust II	**	50,299,516
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Trust II	**	46,280,713
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust II	**	53,420,376
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Trust II	**	48,525,990
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust II	**	33,858,127
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Trust II	**	17,469,820
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Trust II	**	5,513,052
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Trust II	**	470,734
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Trust II	**	4,368,971
	Total collective trusts			<u>331,930,121</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</b>				445,347,141
*	Participant loans	Interest rates from 4.25% to 9.50%	- 0 -	<u>7,890,123</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER 5500</b>				<u><u>\$ 453,237,264</u></u>

\*Denotes a party-in-interest to the Plan.

\*\*Cost information not required for participant-directed investments.

**ENCORE GROUP (USA) LLC  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS  
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a

EIN: 13-4025666      PLAN: #003

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan			Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>			Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
Date Contributions Withheld	Date Contributions Remitted	Date Lost Earnings Remitted				
October 20, 2023	December 12, 2023	September 23, 2024	\$ -	\$ 2,872	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$ -	\$ 2,872	\$ -	\$ -

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**  
**ENCORE GROUP (USA), LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**  
**01-JAN-24 to 31-DEC-24**

INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
IVGRINC			3,906,098.65	4,368,970.60
IVG2020			7,911,614.30	8,347,321.86
IVG2025			21,437,186.51	23,146,636.55
IVG2030			36,616,197.65	40,228,863.17
IVG2035			44,760,191.88	50,299,515.58
IVG2040			40,702,389.20	46,280,713.21
IVG2045			46,438,882.60	53,420,376.27
IVG2050			41,604,565.27	48,525,990.07
IVG2055			29,033,265.04	33,858,127.64
IVG2060			14,987,212.40	17,469,819.70
IVG2065			4,837,171.36	5,513,051.73
IP0263A			409,675.02	470,734.44
IRERGX			3,692,336.77	3,502,585.63
IFTHX			5,348,408.40	5,462,793.94
IVTRIX			1,516,724.94	1,515,203.19
IQUAZX			1,549,476.29	1,586,758.41
IFSSNX			2,856,607.99	3,407,876.39
IESPRX			1,197,677.73	1,133,454.92
IFSMGX			4,659,391.94	5,648,161.61
IRWMGX			4,315,925.69	4,873,093.39
IFSKAX			10,017,394.73	14,215,763.60
IFXAIX			26,150,259.56	37,578,822.58
IBGFRX			15,445,984.68	14,894,923.84
IDIPX			1,948,465.40	1,838,350.65
IFXNAX			4,037,607.33	3,722,639.43
IPTRX			3,417,271.89	3,093,895.14
IVMFXX			5,092,978.80	5,093,073.17
IPCSV25			5,325,246.35	5,325,259.66
			<b>389,216,208.37</b>	<b>444,822,776.37</b>
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	4.250-9.500	7,927,448.89	7,890,123.30
FORFEITURES			524,364.52	524,364.52