

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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

a single-employer plan  a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**B** This return/report is:  the first return/report  the final return/report

an amended return/report  a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

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

**D** Check box if filing under:  Form 5558  automatic extension  the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

**E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . .

**Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**

<p><b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(K) PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p>
<p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>THE WHALEN COMPANY</u></p> <p><u>8900 GLEBE PARK DRIVE</u> <u>EASTON, MD 21601-1390</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>08/01/2002</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-0784012</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>443-258-2767</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>333410</u></p>

**Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.**

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/26/2025	CHRISTOPHER R. MURPHY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	183
<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>	134
	<b>6a(2)</b>	131
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	33
	<b>6d</b>	164
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	164
	<b>6g(1)</b>	180
<b>6g(2)</b>	164	
<b>6h</b>	13	
<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 3D 2G 2J 2K 2F 2T 3B 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)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (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>THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(K) PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>002</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>THE WHALEN COMPANY</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>52-0784012</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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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 64 99 50 52 68	NONE	21321	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 50	NONE	20973	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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**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:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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<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>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<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>	<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 <u>01/01/2024</u> and ending <u>12/31/2024</u>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(K) PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <span style="float: right;">▶</span> <u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE WHALEN COMPANY</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-0784012</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>BLACKROCK EQUITY INDEX 1</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>20-3802168-101</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1081439</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>BLACKROCK EAFE EQUITY INDEX 1</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>20-3802495-007</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>14988</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>EMERGING MARKETS I1</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>86-1819869-672</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>8154</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MID CAP VALUE I1</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-4139852-630</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>26461</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>STABLE VALUE FUND CL I1</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>85-4031707-653</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>410495</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MID CAP GROWTH I1</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-4126247-549</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>2354</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SMALL CAP VALUE FUND II I1</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-4126250-554</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>34781</u>

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CORE PLUS BOND I1		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-4116854-515	<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) 2312
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GG EUROPACIFIC GROWTH TRUST I1		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-7289844-001	<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) 31531
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LARGE CAP GROWTH FUND III CL I1		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-7275327-001	<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) 365445
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ AGGRESSIVE 2035 R1		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-2987118-001	<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) 466321
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ AGGRESSIVE 2045 R1		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-3026996-001	<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) 437317
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ AGGRESSIVE 2055 R1		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-3170652-001	<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) 130714
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ AGGRESSIVE RETIRE R		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-2836296-001	<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) 9797
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ CONSERVATIVE 2035 R		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-3018134-001	<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) 236090
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ CONSERVATIVE 2045 R		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-3144367-001	<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) 198
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ CONSERVATIVE 2055 R		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-3216409-001	<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) 102674

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ CONSERVATIVE RETIRE

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-2916729-001	<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) 284266
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ MODERATE 2035 R1

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-3002484-001	<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) 2710723
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ MODERATE 2045 R1

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-3071639-001	<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) 1325099
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ MODERATE 2055 R1

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-3188067-001	<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) 761611
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ MODERATE RETIRE R1

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-2851418-001	<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) 2847172
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ AGGRESSIVE 2025 R1

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-2935740-001	<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) 0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ CONSERVATIVE 2025 R

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-2961375-001	<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) 0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FLEXPATH INDEX+ MODERATE 2025 R1

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-2950747-001	<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) 0
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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>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <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>THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(K) PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>002</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>THE WHALEN COMPANY</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>52-0784012</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>	25	0
<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>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	9370234	11289941
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	430222	375159
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	9800481	11665100
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	9800481	11665100

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	714844	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	420584	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	9381	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		1144809
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	0	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		0
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	10027	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		10027
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		1143777
(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>		30219
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2d</b>		2328832

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	421918	
(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>		421918
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	<b>2g</b>		
<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>	21322	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	20973	
(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>		42295
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		464213

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		1864619
<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: **GROSS MENDELSON & ASSOCIATES, PA**

(2) EIN: **52-0982413**

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2)  It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		1000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?.....  Yes  No  
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> PN(s)

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined  
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(K) PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE WHALEN COMPANY</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-0784012</u>	

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

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

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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 45-0404698

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703678A.

**THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(k) PLAN**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Administrative Committee of  
The Whalen Company 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of The Whalen Company 401(k) 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 Whalen Company 401(k) 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 December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the years then ended, 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).

## **Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)**

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Whalen Company 401(k) 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 Whalen Company 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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

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

## **Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)**

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The Whalen Company 401(k) 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 Whalen Company 401(k) 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 certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

**Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)**

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

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

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

In our opinion—

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

*Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates, P.A.*

Baltimore, Maryland  
September 24, 2025

**THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(k) PLAN**  
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments at fair value:		
Investments in registered investment companies	\$ 375,159	\$ 430,222
Investments in collective investment trust	11,289,941	9,370,234
Total Investments	<u>11,665,100</u>	<u>9,800,456</u>
Receivables:		
Employer contributions receivable	181,457	428,401
Participant contributions receivable	-0-	25
Total Receivables	<u>181,457</u>	<u>428,426</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>11,846,557</b>	<b>10,228,882</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued administrative expenses	<u>4,033</u>	<u>4,373</u>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,842,524</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 10,224,509</u></b>

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

**THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(k) PLAN**  
**Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Additions</b>		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,173,996	\$ 1,334,084
Interest and dividend income	10,027	13,433
Net Investment Income	<u>1,184,023</u>	<u>1,347,517</u>
Interest income from notes receivable from participants	<u>-0-</u>	<u>9</u>
Contributions:		
Participant contributions:		
Payroll deductions	420,584	416,531
Rollover contributions	9,381	9,538
Employer contributions	467,900	718,596
Total contributions	<u>897,865</u>	<u>1,144,665</u>
Total Additions	<u>2,081,888</u>	<u>2,492,191</u>
<b>Deductions</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	421,918	1,341,334
Administrative expenses	41,955	38,338
Total Deductions	<u>463,873</u>	<u>1,379,672</u>
<b>Net Increase</b>	<b>1,618,015</b>	<b>1,112,519</b>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits - Beginning of Year</b>	<b><u>10,224,509</u></b>	<b><u>9,111,990</u></b>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits - End of Year</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,842,524</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 10,224,509</u></b>

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

**THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(k) PLAN**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**Note 1: Description of Plan**

The following description of The Whalen Company 401(k) Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution retirement plan established by the Whalen Company under a prototype plan sponsored through Ascensus Trust Company (Ascensus Trust) which was amended effective January 1, 2022. The Plan generally covers all employees of the Whalen Company and its subsidiary, Cold Point Corporation (the Company), who completed at least one year of service and attained age 21 during the Plan year. Eligible employees may participate in elective deferrals with monthly Plan entry dates and will qualify for the employer contribution provisions of the Plan. Eligible employees will also participate in the employer discretionary contributions after having completed at least one year of service and attained age 21 during the Plan year and who are employed on the last day of the Plan year. The Plan qualifies under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Participant Contributions: The Plan generally allows eligible participants to contribute an amount not to exceed the lesser of 100% of their compensation or an amount which, when added to other additions (exclusive of earnings) to the participant's account in any plan year, does not exceed the maximum limitation on annual additions to a participant's account under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participant contributions are made through payroll deductions. Each participant designates the percentage of their contributions which are to be invested in one or more of the available investment fund options. Participants have the opportunity to change their investment options daily. Participants are also allowed to make contributions to a Roth account and to make rollover contributions to their account balances from other qualified retirement plans.

Employer Contributions: The Plan has a safe-harbor nondiscretionary contribution where the Company is required to contribute 3% of the employee's eligible compensation. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company made a safe-harbor contribution of \$263,255 and \$289,689, respectively. The Plan also allows the Company to make discretionary contributions. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company made a discretionary contribution of \$204,645 and \$428,907, respectively, in the form of a profit sharing contribution.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, allocations of Company's contributions, and Plan earnings and losses. Plan earnings and losses are allocated based on the account balances of the participants. Allocation of Company's contributions are based on the compensation of the eligible employees. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is that which can be provided from the participant's vested account balance. All Plan assets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 have been allocated to participant's accounts, except for employer contributions receivable.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in all of their contributions and investment earnings, thereon. A participant is 100% vested in the employer safe-harbor contributions. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contributions plus earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant becomes fully vested in his account after six years of service. A participant also becomes fully vested upon retirement, death, or disability. The Plan provides for alternative vesting in the event it is ever determined to be top-heavy.

**THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(k) PLAN**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**Note 1: Description of Plan (Continued)**

Notes Receivable from Participants: Effective July 2018, the Plan no longer permits new loans to participants. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no outstanding notes receivable from participants.

Payment of Benefits: In-service withdrawals are permitted for participants who have attained at least 59.5 years of age. Hardship withdrawals are also permitted under the plan for participants who have experienced a qualified hardship under IRS rules. Participants are generally required to take minimum distributions upon reaching the age of 73.

Upon termination of employment, a participant may elect to have vested Plan benefits distributed as a lump-sum or in installment payments. Balances less than \$5,000 will be distributed in a lump sum amount.

Forfeitures: The non-vested portion of a participant's account balance is forfeited upon termination of employment. Forfeitures can be used to pay administrative expenses or reduce future employer contributions at the discretion of the plan administrators. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan allocated forfeitures to pay contributions amounting to \$2,562 and \$3,358, respectively. The forfeiture balances as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$22,897 and \$2,487, respectively.

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Following is a description of significant accounting and reporting policies of the Plan:

Basis of Presentation: The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan trustees are responsible for oversight of the Plan, determine the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitor investment performance. Investments are reported 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 investment in registered investment companies and common collective trusts unit values are recorded to reflect charges, such as investment management and administrative charges, as set forth in the group annuity contract.

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

**THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(k) PLAN**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Contributions: Contributions from participants are recorded in the period the employer withholds payroll deductions from Plan participants. Safe Harbor contributions are recorded as part of the weekly payroll process and are subject to a true up once a year based on analysis of the year end census. Profit sharing contributions from the employer are recorded in the period the contribution rate was authorized by the Board of Directors.

The Plan has not established an allowance for credit losses for the employer contributions receivable at December 31, 2024 and 2023. Expected collection losses are determined from a review of historical collection experience, existing economic conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts of future events affecting the Plan Sponsor. The Plan's fiduciaries believe the employer contributions receivable will be fully collected based on the ability of the Plan Sponsor to pay amounts when due.

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

Subsequent Events: In preparing these financial statements, the Plan has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 24, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. During the period from January 1, 2025 through September 24, 2025, the Plan did not have any material recognizable subsequent events.

**Note 3: Fair Value Measurements**

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liabilities.
- 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.

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for Plan investments measured at fair value:

Investments in Registered Investment Companies: Investments in registered investment companies are comprised of mutual funds which are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Investments in Collective Investment Trust: The Plan has collective investment trust investments with flexPATH Strategies and BlackRock. These funds are pooled vehicles which are valued daily at net asset value, which is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while 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.

There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

In determining the appropriate levels, the Plan performs a detailed analysis of the assets that are to be reported at fair value. The table below presents the assets at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments in registered investment companies	\$ 375,159	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 375,159
Investments measured at net asset value as a practical expedient				11,289,941
Total investments at fair value				\$ 11,665,100
	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments in registered investment companies	\$ 430,222	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 430,222
Investments measured at net asset value as a practical expedient				9,370,234
Total investments at fair value				\$ 9,800,456

**THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(k) PLAN**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

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

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient: The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments.

December 31, 2024	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Investments in Common Collective Trust	\$ 11,289,941	n/a	Daily	None
December 31, 2023	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Investments in Common Collective Trust	\$ 9,370,234	n/a	Daily	None

**Note 4: Information Certified by the Plan Trustee**

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Accordingly, the plan administrator has instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to information certified as complete and accurate by Ascensus Trust Company, trustee of the Plan, except to compare such information to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule.

Certain information reported in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, dividends, and interest income for the years then ended, was derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Ascensus Trust Company.

**THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(k) PLAN**  
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**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**Note 5: Plan Termination**

The Company has the right under the Plan agreement to discontinue their contributions and to terminate the Plan, subject to applicable statutory provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination, all Plan participants will become fully vested. The Company has not indicated any intention to terminate the Plan.

**Note 6: Income Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled, in a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Prototype Non-standardized Profit Sharing Plan with CODA, as amended, established by Ascensus LLC, qualifies under applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). An employer who adopts this plan is generally considered to have a plan that is also qualified. The plan's administrator and the plan's sponsor believe that the Plan is designed and operating in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. The Plan's federal tax returns are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service generally for a period of three years after the returns are filed.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan administrator does not believe that the Plan has any uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**Note 7: Parties-in-Interest**

The Plan offers various investment options to the participants which are products of Vanguard Investments, who utilizes Ascensus' services, the record-keeper of the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan is responsible for all of the costs of administration which include custodial, recordkeeping, audit, and investment management fees. All administrative fees are charged to individual participants' accounts and are reported separately on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. During the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan incurred administrative expenses of \$41,955 and \$38,338, respectively. In addition, the Company incurred \$17,000 and \$16,200 of Plan expenses in the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, which are not reflected in the Plan's financial statements. Certain officers and employees of the Plan sponsor are administrators of the plan acting as fiduciaries and as trustees and are also participants in the Plan.

**Note 8: Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500**

The financial statements of the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 differ from the amounts reported on Schedule H (Financial Information) of Form 5500 (Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan) filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

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**Note 8: Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500 (Continued)**

The significant differences for the year ended December 31, 2024 are as follows:

2024	Form 5500, Schedule H Line No.	Amount	Financial Statements
Net assets available for benefits	1l	\$ 11,665,100	\$ 11,842,524
Current year employer contributions receivable	1b(1)	-0-	(181,457)
Current year accrued administrative expenses	1h(1)	-0-	4,033
		<u>\$ 11,665,100</u>	<u>\$ 11,665,100</u>
Employer contributions	2a(1)(A)	\$ 714,844	\$ 467,900
Current year employer contributions receivable		-0-	(181,457)
Prior year employer contributions receivable		-0-	428,401
		<u>\$ 714,844</u>	<u>\$ 714,844</u>
Administrative expenses	2i(12)	\$ 42,295	\$ 41,955
Current year accrued administrative expenses		-0-	(4,033)
Prior year accrued administrative expenses		-0-	4,373
		<u>\$ 42,295</u>	<u>\$ 42,295</u>

The significant differences for the year ended December 31, 2023 are as follows:

2023	Form 5500, Schedule H Line No.	Amount	Financial Statements
Net assets available for benefits	1l	\$ 9,800,481	\$ 10,224,509
Current year employer contributions receivable	1b(1)	-0-	(428,401)
Current year accrued administrative expenses	1h(1)	-0-	4,373
		<u>\$ 9,800,481</u>	<u>\$ 9,800,481</u>
Employer contributions	2a(1)(A)	\$ 462,641	\$ 718,596
Current year employer contributions receivable		-0-	(428,401)
Prior year employer contributions receivable		-0-	172,446
		<u>\$ 462,641</u>	<u>\$ 462,641</u>
Administrative expenses	2i(12)	\$ 37,619	\$ 38,338
Current year accrued administrative expenses		-0-	(4,373)
Prior year accrued administrative expenses		-0-	3,654
		<u>\$ 37,619</u>	<u>\$ 37,619</u>

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**Note 9: Risks and Uncertainties**

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

**THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(K) PLAN**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(k) PLAN

EIN: 52-0784012; Plan #002

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

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>Investments in Registered Investment Companies:</b>				
	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index		\$ 76,698
	Fidelity	Small Cap Index		23,227
*	Vanguard	Equity Income Adm		89,319
	Fidelity	Inflation-Protected Bond Ind		25,943
	BlackRock	Strategic Global Bond K		2,519
	BlackRock	High Yield Bond K		60,820
	Fidelity	Small Cap Growth K6		96,633
				<u>375,159</u>
<b>Investments in Collective Investment Trust:</b>				
	flexPATH Index+	Aggressive Retire R1		9,797
	flexPATH Index+	Aggressive 2035 R1		466,321
	flexPATH Index+	Aggressive 2045 R1		437,317
	flexPATH Index+	Aggressive 2055 R1		130,714
	flexPATH Index+	Moderate Retire R1		2,847,172
	flexPATH Index+	Moderate 2035 R1		2,710,723
	flexPATH Index+	Moderate 2045 R1		1,325,099
	flexPATH Index+	Moderate 2055 R1		761,611
	flexPATH Index+	Conservative Retire R1		284,266
	flexPATH Index+	Conservative 2045 R1		198
	flexPATH Index+	Conservative 2035 R1		236,090
	flexPATH Index+	GG EuroPacific Growth Trust I1		31,531
	flexPATH Index+	Conservative 2055 R1		102,674
	BlackRock	Equity Index 1		1,081,438
	BlackRock	EAFE Equity Index 1		14,988
	flexPATH Strategies	Mid Cap Value I1		26,461
	flexPATH Strategies	Core Plus Bond I1		2,312
	flexPATH Strategies	Mid Cap Growth I1		2,354
	flexPATH Strategies	Emerging Markets I1		8,154
	flexPATH Strategies	Stable Value Fund I1		410,495
	flexPATH Strategies	Large Cap Growth Fund III CL I1		365,445
	flexPATH Strategies	Small Cap Value Fund II I1		34,781
				<u>11,289,941</u>
	Total Investments			<u>\$ 11,665,100</u>

Notes: (1) \* Party-in-interest

(2) Column (d) is blank as all investments are participant-directed.



**SCHEDULE H  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Financial Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2024**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning and ending

<b>A</b> Name of plan	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)	

**Part I Asset and Liability Statement**

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

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<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>	
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	<b>1c(11)</b>	
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>	

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

**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.

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

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

**Expenses**

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

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

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

(2) EIN:

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

- (1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, 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.) .....			
<b>4a</b>			
<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.) .....			
<b>4b</b>			
<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.) .....			
<b>4c</b>			
<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.) .....			
<b>4d</b>			
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....			
<b>4e</b>			
<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? .....			
<b>4f</b>			
<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? .....			
<b>4g</b>			
<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? .....			
<b>4h</b>			
<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.) .....			
<b>4i</b>			
<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.) .....			
<b>4j</b>			
<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? .....			
<b>4k</b>			
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....			
<b>4l</b>			
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....			
<b>4m</b>			
<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. ....			
<b>4n</b>			

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?.....  Yes     No  
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

**Attachment to 2024 Form 5500**  
**Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**

**Plan Name** THE WHALEN COMPANY 401(K) PLAN  
**Plan Sponsor's Name** THE WHALEN COMPANY

**EIN:** 52-0784012  
**PN:** 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	Vanguard	Vanguard Equity Income Adm	0	89,319
	BlackRock	BlackRock Equity Index 1	0	1,081,439
	BlackRock	BlackRock EAFE Equity Index 1	0	14,988
	Fidelity	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	0	76,698
	Fidelity	Fidelity Small Cap Index	0	23,227
	Emerging	Emerging Markets I1	0	8,154
	BlackRock	BlackRock High Yield Portfolio K	0	60,820

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	BlackRock	BlackRock Strategic Global Bond K	0	2,519
	Mid Cap	Mid Cap Value I1	0	26,461
	Stable Value	Stable Value Fund I1	0	410,495
	Mid Cap	Mid Cap Growth I1	0	2,354
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	Core Plus	Core Plus Bond I1	0	2,312
	GG Euro	GG EuroPacific Growth Trust I1	0	31,531

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	flexPATH	flexPATH Index+ Aggressive 2055 R1	0	130,714
	flexPATH	flexPATH Index+ Aggressive Retire R1	0	9,797

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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	flexPATH	flexPATH Index+ Conservative 2035 R1	0	236,090
	flexPATH	flexPATH Index+ Conservative 2045 R1	0	198
	flexPATH	flexPATH Index+ Conservative 2055 R1	0	102,674
	flexPATH	flexPATH Index+ Conservative Retire R1	0	284,266
	flexPATH	flexPATH Index+ Moderate 2035 R1	0	2,710,723
	flexPATH	flexPATH Index+ Moderate 2045 R1	0	1,325,099
	flexPATH	flexPATH Index+ Moderate 2055 R1	0	761,611

**Attachment to 2024 Form 5500**  
**Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**

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**Plan Sponsor's Name** THE WHALEN COMPANY

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	flexPATH	flexPATH Index+ Moderate Retire R1	0	2,847,172