

<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: 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>▶ <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;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="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>MARS VETERINARY HEALTH 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>008</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>MARS, INCORPORATED</u></p> <p><u>800 HIGH STREET</u> <u>HACKETTSTOWN, NJ 07840</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>08/30/2019</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-1594774</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>703-821-4900</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>311300</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.	10/02/2025	DIANA LANESE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/30/2025	APRIL SETLIK
	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 type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor  U.S BENEFIT PLANS COMMITTEE MARS, INCORPORATED 800 HIGH STREET HACKETTSTOWN, NJ 07840	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN 22-1594774  <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number 703-821-4900																				
<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> 44798																				
<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>6a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>6a(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.....	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width:10%;"><b>6a(1)</b></td><td style="width:90%;">33476</td></tr> <tr><td><b>6a(2)</b></td><td>54702</td></tr> <tr><td><b>6b</b></td><td>47</td></tr> <tr><td><b>6c</b></td><td>11821</td></tr> <tr><td><b>6d</b></td><td>66570</td></tr> <tr><td><b>6e</b></td><td>72</td></tr> <tr><td><b>6f</b></td><td>66642</td></tr> <tr><td><b>6g(1)</b></td><td>38652</td></tr> <tr><td><b>6g(2)</b></td><td>61429</td></tr> <tr><td><b>6h</b></td><td>3616</td></tr> </table>	<b>6a(1)</b>	33476	<b>6a(2)</b>	54702	<b>6b</b>	47	<b>6c</b>	11821	<b>6d</b>	66570	<b>6e</b>	72	<b>6f</b>	66642	<b>6g(1)</b>	38652	<b>6g(2)</b>	61429	<b>6h</b>	3616
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<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:  
 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2S 2T 2E 3F 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) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
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**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ (5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	<b>b General Schedules</b> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>  0  </u> (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider 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>MARS VETERINARY HEALTH 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>008</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>MARS, INCORPORATED</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>22-1594774</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)

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL

04-2647786

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 64 65 71	RECORDKEEPER	1590624	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)

STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.

04-2654524

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	304905	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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13-4008324

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	AUDITOR	92136	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"/>

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

LCG ASSOCIATES INC

75-1680350

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	54660	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
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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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<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>MARS, INCORPORATED</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-1594774</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>US DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN TRUST</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MARS, INCORPORATED</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>22-1594774-005</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>M</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2521883504</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

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**d** Entity code

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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>MARS VETERINARY HEALTH 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>008</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>MARS, INCORPORATED</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>22-1594774</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>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	3559739	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	9443528	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	27450879	34193748
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	0	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	2083048038	2521883504
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	0	0
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	0	0
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	2123502184	2556077252
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	0	0
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	3915478	20971
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	3915478	20971
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	2119586706	2556056281

**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>	90273569	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	221191386	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	14592671	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	326057626
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	2286933	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	0	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		2286933
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		0
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

	(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)	0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)	0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	2b(8)	286057422
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	2b(9)	0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)	0
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c	0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d	614401981

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	172177440
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	2e(2)	0
(3) Other .....	2e(3)	0
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....	2e(4)	172177440
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f	4459351
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g	238518
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h	0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	1583169
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	92136
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	305168
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	2i(6)	0
(7) Actuarial fees .....	2i(7)	0
(8) Legal fees .....	2i(8)	0
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	2i(9)	0
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	2i(10)	0
(11) Other expenses .....	2i(11)	54660
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)	2035133
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j	178910442

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....	2k	435491539
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:		
(1) To this plan .....	2l(1)	2935487
(2) From this plan .....	2l(2)	1957451

**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: PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS

(2) EIN: 13-4008324

**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		35000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	

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

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

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> PN(s)
MARS DEFERRED COMENSATION PLAN	22-1594774	003
US ASSOCIATE SAVINGS PLAN	22-1594774	004

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

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>MARS VETERINARY HEALTH 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>008</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>MARS, INCORPORATED</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-1594774</u>	

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

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
<b>2</b> Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>04-6568107</u>		
<b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>		
<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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<b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>			
<b>5</b> If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ <b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b>			
<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	6a		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	6b		
<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).....	6c		
<b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>			
<b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>8</b> If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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<b>9</b> If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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<b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</b> If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

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

# **Mars Veterinary Health 401(k) Savings Plan**

**Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules  
December 31, 2024 and 2023**

# Mars Veterinary Health 401(k) Savings Plan

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## **Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Administrator of Mars Veterinary Health 401(k) Savings Plan

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Mars Veterinary Health 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

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

Management has obtained 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 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### ***Opinion***

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

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



### ***Basis for Opinion***

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS, we:

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



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

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

Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024 ("supplemental schedule"), 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 the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with US GAAS. 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 its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. In our opinion



- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule 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).

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

Atlanta, Georgia  
September 29, 2025

## Mars Veterinary Health 401(k) Savings Plan Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31,	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments		
Interest in U.S. Defined Contribution Plan Trust, at fair value	\$ 2,522,949,923	\$ 2,084,242,204
Total investments	2,522,949,923	2,084,242,204
Receivables		
Employer contributions	—	3,559,739
Participant contributions	—	9,443,528
Notes receivable from participants	35,512,017	28,530,630
Total receivables	35,512,017	41,533,897
Total assets	2,558,461,940	2,125,776,101
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Administrative fees payable	13,829	13,566
Excess contributions payable	7,142	3,901,912
Total liabilities	20,971	3,915,478
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 2,558,440,969	\$ 2,121,860,623

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

## Mars Veterinary Health 401(k) Savings Plan

### Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31,	2024	2023
<b>Additions to net assets attributed to</b>		
Investment income		
Interest in the investment income of the U.S. Defined Contribution Plan Trust	\$ 285,929,675	\$ 182,462,465
Total investment income	285,929,675	182,462,465
Contributions		
Employer	90,273,569	38,115,457
Participant	221,191,386	139,406,399
Rollover	14,592,671	25,929,869
Total contributions	326,057,626	203,451,725
Interest income on notes receivable from participant loans	2,286,933	664,520
Total net additions	614,274,234	386,578,710
<b>Deductions from net assets attributed to</b>		
Distributions to participants	176,636,791	81,218,601
Administrative fees	2,035,133	1,664,382
Total deductions	178,671,924	82,882,983
<b>Transfers in the ordinary course of plan operations</b>		
Transfer in of assets from U.S. Associate Savings Plan	2,824,828	1,462,777
Transfer in of assets from Mars Deferred Compensation Plan	110,659	—
Transfer in of assets from Medical Management International 401(k) Savings Plan	—	5,485,314
Transfer out of assets to U.S. Associate Savings Plan	(1,957,451)	(878,640)
Transfer out of assets to Medical Management International 401(k) Savings Plan	—	(1,881,120)
Net transfers	978,036	4,188,331
Net increase in assets available for benefits prior to Plan mergers	436,580,346	307,884,058
<b>Plan mergers (See Note 1)</b>		
Transfer in of assets from Medical Management International 401(k) Savings Plan	—	836,399,955
Total plan mergers	—	836,399,955
Net increase in assets available for benefits	436,580,346	1,144,284,013
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>		
Beginning of year	2,121,860,623	977,576,610
End of year	\$ 2,558,440,969	\$ 2,121,860,623

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

# **Mars Veterinary Health 401(k) Savings Plan**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

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

The Mars Veterinary Health 401(k) Savings Plan (the “Plan”) is a defined contribution plan which was established on August 30, 2019, amended and restated July 13, 2020 and on January 1, 2021 by Mars, Incorporated (the “Company”) so that eligible U.S. employees (“Associates”) of the Company may accumulate funds for their future security. The Plan is administered by the U.S. Benefit Plans Committee (“USBPC”) and its delegates as established by the Board of Officers of the Company. Employer and participant contributions are placed in a trust fund. Fidelity Workplace Services LLC (“Fidelity”) is the record keeper and Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee. See [Note 3](#) for the information certified by the Fidelity Management Trust Company (the “Trustee”) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The following brief description of the Plan is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

#### **Plan Mergers**

On December 29, 2023, the Medical Management International 401(k) Savings Plan “Banfield Plan” was merged into, and continued in the form of, the Plan. On December 28, 2023, the last business day prior to the plan merger, Banfield Plan assets of \$836,399,955 were transferred into the Plan, as well as existing participant loans. During the merger there was a blackout period for Banfield Plan participants, beginning December 28, 2023 through January 1, 2024. During this period, no investment or deferral changes, distributions or loans could be made to the Banfield Plan accounts.

#### **Eligibility**

Associates of the Company and its U.S. participating subsidiaries (the “Employers”) are eligible for the Plan when they are hired by the Employer as full-time Associates. Effective January 1, 2023, Antech Diagnostics participants became eligible to participate in the Plan. Effective July 27, 2023, Heska Corporation participants became eligible to participate in the Plan. Participants of the former Medical Management International 401(k) Savings Plan became eligible to participate in the plan when that plan merged into the Plan on December 27, 2023. The Plan was amended and restated effective January 1, 2024 to incorporate all previous amendments. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

#### **Plan Administration**

The Plan is administered by the USBPC established by the Mars, Incorporated Board of Officers. The USBPC has delegated the daily administration to BluePearl, VCA, Kinship and PrettyLitter and fiduciary responsibility to Mars Benefits.

#### **Interest in U.S. Defined Contribution Plan Trust**

The assets of the Plan are maintained, for investment purposes only, on a commingled basis with the assets of the ASP, the MDCP and the U.S. Associate Savings Advantage Plan (collectively, the “Plans”) in the U.S. Defined Contribution Plan Trust (the “Master Trust”). The Plans own a specific interest in the Master Trust assets. The portion of Master Trust net assets specific to each plan is based upon the participants’ account balance within each plan. Investment income for each fund is allocated to each plan based on gains (losses) of the participants’ accounts. Effective August 1, 2024, KIND 401(k) Savings Plan began participation in the Master Trust.

#### **Change in Accounting Policy for Contributions**

Effective January 1, 2024, the Plan changed its accounting policy to measure contributions from Plan participants and the related matching contributions from the Employer to when amounts were withheld from the Participant's compensation. Previously, the Plan accrued contributions as of the end of the plan year in the period in which such contributions applied. The Plan changed the accounting

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policy as it more closely aligns the recognition of assets with the actual flow of funds, which may not always coincide with the timing of cash flows or the actual withholding event. The change in accounting policy did not have a material impact on the financial statements of the Plan.

#### **Contributions**

Plan participants may elect to contribute up to 85% of their annual eligible earnings as defined in the Plan document on a pre-tax or Roth basis (or a combination of both) and in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Pre-tax contributions (commonly referred to as 401(k) contributions) are placed in the Pre-Tax Account and Roth contributions are placed into a separate Roth account. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit plans, excluding Roth contributions, or defined contribution plans (rollovers). Eligible associates who do not elect otherwise, are automatically enrolled in the Plan at a 3% contribution rate. Eligible associates who do not elect otherwise, are enrolled in an automatic 1% annual contribution increase, up to a maximum of 10%.

The Employers contribute an amount into a participant's Matching Account equal to 100% of the first 1% of the amount of pre-tax and/or Roth contributions and 50% of the pre-tax and/or Roth contributions from 2% to 6% of compensation (up to 3.5% of eligible earnings).

Effective January 1, 2024, Mars Science and Diagnostic Division participants are eligible for an additional Employer contribution of 1% of eligible earnings into their account. Participants must be employed on the last day of the Plan Year to receive the Employer contribution, which will be funded into their account the following year.

Prior to January 1, 2024, Employers contributed an equal amount to 50% of the first 4% of the amount of pre-tax and/or Roth contributions (up to 2% of eligible earnings) made by each former Pet Partners and current VCA and Blue Pearl associate. Prior to July 27, 2023, Employers contributed an amount equal to 100% of the amount of pre-tax and/or Roth contributions made by each Heska Corporation (up to 3.5% of eligible earnings) Matching Account.

In 2024 and 2023, the statutory limit of total annual contributions (employer and participant) to a participant's account may not exceed \$69,000 (\$76,500, if age 50 or older) and \$66,000 (\$73,500, if age 50 or older), respectively, or 100% of a participant's eligible earnings, whichever is less. All fund investment elections are participant directed and may be changed daily subject to trading rules as established by each fund. The assets of each fund are invested by the fund's investment manager. Effective January 1 2024, all Participants are 100% vested in their Employer Matching Account, which along with the Matching Formula, makes the Plan a safe-harbor 401(k) plan.

#### **Participant Accounts**

The balance in the participant's account reflects the cumulative amount of participant and Employer contributions, the investment returns resulting from participant directed investments, payment of benefits, fees and in-service withdrawals and loans, when applicable.

#### **Transfers in the Ordinary Course of Plan Operations**

Transfers between the Plans and in the ordinary course of Plan operations primarily relate to new organizational positions, rehired Associates by one of the Employers with an existing balance in another Company plan or transferred Associates to one of the Employers with an existing balance in another Company plan. Upon transfer, the Associate's prior plan account is merged into the active plan as soon as administratively practicable.

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#### **Vesting**

Participants are 100% vested in all account balances. Prior to January 1 2024, Participants were 100% vested in matching contributions after two years of continuous employment or immediately upon death, disability or attaining age 65, while employed by the Company. Participants should refer to the Plan document for complete vesting information.

#### **Distributions and Withdrawals**

Each participant's account balance in the Plan, consisting of Pre-Tax Contributions, Roth Contributions, Mandatory Deferred Contributions, Matching Contributions, Rollover Contributions and investment gains and losses, generally remains in the Plan until a distribution is made. Active participants may request to withdraw, up to twice a year, any portion of their Rollover Account, or, if applicable, the portion of the Mandatory Deferred Account that has been in their Unrestricted Deferred Sub-Account (as collectively defined in the Plan document), provided that the Unrestricted Deferred Sub-Account was transferred from the MDCP, for at least 24 months prior to the date of withdrawal. Upon reaching age 59-1/2 participants may request, once a year, a full or partial withdrawal from the Pre-Tax, Matching and Mandatory Deferred Accounts in addition to the pre-age 59-1/2 withdrawal. Retired and terminated participants with balances greater than \$7,000 may leave the balance in the Plan until age 73 at which time required minimum distributions must be paid. Prior to January 1, 2024, retired and terminated participants with balances greater than \$5,000 were able to leave the balance in the Plan until age 73 at which time required minimum distributions were paid. Other options are a lump sum distribution, total or partial rollover, and fixed or lifetime installments.

#### **Forfeited Accounts**

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$2,801,057 and \$1,654,326, respectively. In 2024 and 2023, these forfeited non-vested accounts were used to reduce employer contributions.

#### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 (minus the highest outstanding loan balance in the immediate preceding one year period) or 50% of their account balance. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that equal the prime rate plus 1% as quoted by Reuters on the first business day of the month the loan is made. The rate is fixed for the period of the loan. Principal and interest are generally paid through payroll deductions. Participants may have two loans with no more than one Primary Residence loan outstanding at any time. All loans must be paid over a one to five-year period, unless the loan is for the purchase of a principal residence, in which case it may be repaid over a ten-year period. Interest rates were 4.25% to 9.50% for loans outstanding at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### **Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). In the event of termination or partial termination of the Plan, which is presently not contemplated, participants would receive their vested account balances.

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## **2. Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

### **Contributions**

Contributions from Plan participants and the matching contributions from the Employer are recorded in the year in which the participant contributions are withheld from compensation.

### **Investment Valuation in U.S. Defined Contribution Plan Trust**

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. Under the guidance of the Master Trust Committee, Mars Benefits determines the valuation policies using information provided by the Trustee for their respective periods, as described in [Note 1](#). See [Note 4](#) for further discussion of fair value measurements.

### **Income Recognition in U.S. Defined Contribution Plan Trust**

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of the Master Trust investments consists of the realized gains (losses) and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of those investments.

### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

### **Excess Contributions Payable**

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. Excess contributions payable included in the Plan's statement of net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$7,142 and \$3,901,912, respectively. These amounts were corrected timely under self-correction program in 2025 and 2024, respectively. Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions.

### **Benefit Payments**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates.

### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan provides for various investment options in interest bearing cash, mutual funds and common collective trusts through the Master Trust. Such investments are exposed to various risks such as

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interest rate, market and credit risks. Market values of investments may decline for a number of reasons, including changes in prevailing market and interest rates, increases in defaults and credit rating downgrades. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments 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.

#### Administrative Fees

Loan fees, purchase fees and redemption fees are paid by participants on an as-incurred basis. Fidelity investment advice fees are related to an optional service charged to participants based on a percentage of the participants' account balances. The percentage is tiered based on the balance in the participant's account. LCG Associates, Inc. ("LCG") advisory fees and Fidelity recordkeeping fees are flat fees that are evenly allocated to each participant's account.

The Company pays audit fees and other administrative expenses.

### 3. Information Certified by the Trustee

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the ERISA, the following information, the information in [Note 6](#) related to the Master Trust, the investment values in [Notes 4](#) and [5](#), excluding the fair value measurement leveling, and the supplemental schedule were derived from the information certified as to completeness and accuracy by the Trustee.

December 31,	2024	2023
Interest in the Master Trust	\$ 2,522,949,923	\$ 2,084,242,204
Notes receivable from participants	35,512,017	28,530,630
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For the year ended December 31,	2024	2023
Interest in the investment income/(loss) of the Master Trust	\$ 285,929,675	\$ 182,462,465
Interest income on notes receivable from participant loans	2,286,933	664,520

### 4. Fair Value Measurements

In accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurements, the Plan discloses the fair value of its investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The guidance provides a consistent definition of fair value which focuses on an exit price, 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 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 as follows:

#### Level 1

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

#### 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

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- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- 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 asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There were no level 3 investments held during or as of the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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

**Interest bearing cash:** Government short-term investment funds ("STIFs") which invest primarily in U.S. government securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. government securities or money market funds.

**Self-directed brokerage accounts:** Participant-directed funds that are invested in mutual funds, common stock, certificates of deposit, bonds, rights/warrants and cash.

**Mutual funds:** Valued at the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year end.

**Common collective trusts:** Common collective trusts ("CCTs") are valued at the NAV as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily.

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.

Details on investments held at the NAV as a practical expedient are included in [Note 5](#). Details on the Master Trust's fair value measurement levels and the Plan's interest in the Master Trust are included in [Note 6](#).

#### 5. Investments Measured using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient

The following table summarizes the Plan's investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. There are no redemption restrictions for these investments.

December 31, 2024	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
CCTs – Target Retirement Funds (a)	\$ 2,095,972,764	-	Daily	N/A
CCTs – Stable Value Fund (b)	17,092,218	-	Daily	N/A
CCTs – Equity (c)	300,972,659	-	Daily	N/A
CCTs – Fixed income (d)	11,237,236	-	Daily	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,425,274,877</b>			

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December 31, 2023	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
CCTs – Target Retirement Funds (a)	\$ 1,766,535,800	-	Daily	N/A
CCTs – Stable Value Fund (b)	20,465,630	-	Daily	N/A
CCTs – Equity (c)	163,423,479	-	Daily	N/A
CCTs – Fixed income (d)	32,283,831	-	Daily	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,982,708,740</b>			

(a) Includes investments in target date retirement funds. The funds adjust asset mixes to become more conservative as the target retirement date approaches. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the NAV per share of the investments.

(b) Includes underlying investments in synthetic investment contracts backed by high-credit-quality fixed income investments and traditional investments issued by insurance companies and banks. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the NAV per share of the investments.

(c) Includes investments in funds that either track performance of large U.S. capitalization stocks or small and medium capitalization stocks.

(d) Includes investments in funds containing either securities with a medium asset-weighted average credit rating and a moderate sensitivity to interest rate changes or high asset-weighted average credit rating and a moderate sensitivity to interest rate changes.

**6. Investment in U.S. Defined Contribution Plan Trust**

The Master Trust's balances, fair value level measurement and the Plan's interest in the Master Trust's balance as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

December 31, 2024	Fair Value Measurement Level	Master Trust Balances	Plan's Interest in Master Trust Balances
Interest bearing cash	1	\$ 5,886,709	\$ 3,810,663
Self-directed brokerage accounts	1	64,703,193	24,186,832
Mutual funds	1	384,538,640	69,677,551
Total investments measured by fair value level		\$ 455,128,542	\$ 97,675,046
CCTs	NAV (a)	6,078,885,524	2,425,274,877
Total investments at fair value		\$ 6,534,014,066	\$ 2,522,949,923

December 31, 2023	Fair Value Measurement Level	Master Trust Balances	Plan's Interest in Master Trust Balances
Interest bearing cash	1	\$ 5,494,652	\$ 3,677,467
Self-directed brokerage accounts	1	34,117,004	12,117,891
Mutual funds	1	505,158,241	85,738,106
Total investments measured by fair value level		\$ 544,769,897	\$ 101,533,464
CCTs	NAV (a)	5,070,471,211	1,982,708,740
Total investments at fair value		\$ 5,615,241,108	\$ 2,084,242,204

(a) CCTs were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) and have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented above.

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The net income of the Master Trust for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

For the year ended December 31,	2024	2023
Net appreciation in the fair value of investments	\$ 709,050,543	\$ 788,859,390
Interest and dividends	30,807,447	29,617,268
Net income of Master Trust	\$ 739,857,990	\$ 818,476,658

**7. Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated October 17, 2021 that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plans' tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability or asset if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained by examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes that it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

**8. Party-in-Interest and Related Party Transactions**

Fidelity, the Trustee, and LCG are considered parties-in-interest due to their roles as fiduciaries to the Plan. Administrative fees paid to Fidelity, investment activity related to the CCTs, administrative fees paid to LCG and notes receivable from participants are considered party-in-interest transactions. Pursuant to the prohibited transaction exemption in ERISA Section 408(b)(2) or other applicable exemption, these party-in-interest transactions are not prohibited transactions.

**9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500**

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

December 31,	2024	2023
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,558,440,969	\$ 2,121,860,623
Less: Deemed distribution adjustment	(1,318,269)	(1,079,751)
Adjustment in value related to CCTs	(1,066,419)	(1,194,166)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 2,556,056,281	\$ 2,119,586,706

The following is a reconciliation of changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2024 to the Form 5500:

Total net increase in net assets per the financial statements	\$ 436,580,346
Add: Prior year deemed distribution adjustment – December 31, 2023	1,079,751
Less: Deemed distribution adjustment – December 31, 2024	(1,318,269)
Less: Prior year adjustment in value related to CCTs	1,194,166
Add: Adjustment in value related to CCTs	(1,066,419)
Net income per Form 5500, including transfer of assets	\$ 436,469,575

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**10. Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 29, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued and determined that no events had occurred that would require an adjustment to the amounts reported in the financials statements as of and through December 31, 2024.

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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, and par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Interest in the Master Trust	Master Trust	**	\$ 2,521,883,504
*	Notes receivable from participants***	Interest rates: 4.25%-9.50% Maturity dates: 01/2025 to 08/2053	\$ 0	34,193,748
				<u>\$ 2,556,077,252</u>

\* Party-in-interest

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

\*\*\* Exclusive of deemed distributed loans

The above information was derived from data certified as accurate and complete by Fidelity Management Trust Company, Trustee.

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