

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <h1 style="text-align: center;">2024</h1> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
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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
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1a Name of plan <u>PAYLESS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
2a 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>PAYLESS SHOESOURCE, LLC</u> <u>735 NE 125TH ST</u> <u>NORTH MIAMI, FL 33161</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>04/01/1996</u> 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>48-0674097</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>786-677-8823</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>448210</u>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/02/2025	GERSON GARCIA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 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: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	1637
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	85
	6a(2)	80
	6b	22
	6c	1274
	6d	1376
	6e	0
	6f	1376
	6g(1)	1623
6g(2)	1363	
6h	21	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

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

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules	b General Schedules
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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.

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 _____

<p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p>A Name of plan PAYLESS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p>002</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PAYLESS SHOESOURCE, LLC</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 48-0674097</p>	

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	194730-01	1320	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	12167489
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	0

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 14558671

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	40228
(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)	0
(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)	186153
(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	217455
(5) Other (specify below).....	7c(5)	1762

▶ LOAN PAYMENTS

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 445598

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 15004269

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	2610259
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	28982
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	197539
(4) Other (specify below).....	7e(4)	

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 2836780

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 12167489

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f** Long-term disability
- g** Supplemental unemployment
- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a	Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	0
b	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	0
	(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
	(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
	(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
	(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
	(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)	
d	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
	(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
	(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PAYLESS SHOESOURCE, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 48-0674097	

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)

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	108123	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC DBA

1100 SUPERIOR AVE STE 1700
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

(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	38876	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)

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28	INVESTMENT MGMT	686	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"/>

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 2024 <hr/> This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 204</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JP MORGAN</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-1165392-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>7115336</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 203</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JP MORGAN</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-1165198-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>13307161</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 202</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JP MORGAN</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-1165154-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>6534219</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 205</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JP MORGAN</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>45-5590883-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1711443</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND INC</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JP MORGAN</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-1164871-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>539069</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 202</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JP MORGAN</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-1165037-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2931408</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 206</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JP MORGAN</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-3239155-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>151138</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 205

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JP MORGAN

c EIN-PN 26-1165477-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3541526
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 203

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JP MORGAN

c EIN-PN 26-1165348-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8977664
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 204

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JP MORGAN

c EIN-PN 26-1165449-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3250378
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan PAYLESS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PAYLESS SHOESOURCE, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 48-0674097

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	43830	98269
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	47288723	48059342
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	4513600	5975466
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	14558671	12167489
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	66404824	66300566
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	0	0
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	66404824	66300566

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.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	0	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	538349	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	189725	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		728074
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	6246	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	186153	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		192399
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	211256	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		211256
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

	(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)	5205741
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)	0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)	0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)	0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)	480881
c Other income	2c	51668
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d	6870019

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	6822752
(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)	6822752
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f	0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g	3840
h Interest expense	2h	0
i Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	108123
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	39562
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)	147685
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j	6974277

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k	-104258
l Transfers of assets:		
(1) To this plan	2l(1)	
(2) From this plan	2l(2)	

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: ASSURANCE DIMENSIONS, LLC

(2) EIN: 26-3429295

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
a 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 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	
c 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	
d 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	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		5000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g 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	
h 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	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j 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	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n 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.)

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 _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information 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). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A Name of plan <u>PAYLESS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PAYLESS SHOESOURCE, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>48-0674097</u>	

Part I	Distributions
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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.....

1		0
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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): 84-1455663

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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Part II	Funding Information (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.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b	
c 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	

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

Part III	Amendments
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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

Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... Yes No

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

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:

a 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).....	14a	
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).....	14b	
c 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).....	14c	

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:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

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

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

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 11 / 14 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702518A.



A S S U R A N C E D I M E N S I O N S

— An AbitOs Company —

Financial Statements, Supplemental Schedule and
Independent Auditor's Report

**Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
(EIN): 48-0674097 Plan #002**

December 31, 2024 and 2023

Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Committee Member and Plan Administrator of
Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan:

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the Financial Statements

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of **Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing 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 statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 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 ("DOL") 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 a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

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 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 ("GAAP").
- the certified information in the accompanying financial statements 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 on the Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of 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.

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with GAAP, 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.

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our 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 GAAP.

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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 GAAP.

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

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule 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 DOL'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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the certified investment information in the supplemental schedule 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).

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Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
As of December 31, 2024 and 2023

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Investments:		
Mutual funds	\$ 5,975,466	\$ 4,513,600
Common collective trusts	48,059,342	47,288,723
Investments, at fair value	54,034,808	51,802,323
Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, at contract value	12,167,489	14,558,671
Total investments	66,202,297	66,360,994
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	98,269	43,830
Employer contribution receivable	274,733	-
Total receivables	373,002	43,830
Net assets available for benefits at contract value	\$ 66,575,299	\$ 66,404,824

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

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments \$ 5,686,622

Dividends and interest 397,409

Other receipts 51,668

Total investment income 6,135,699

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 6,246

Contributions:

Participant 538,349

Rollover 189,725

Total contributions 1,002,807

Total additions 7,144,752

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants 6,822,752

Administrative expenses 147,685

Deemed distributions 3,840

Total deductions 6,974,277

Net increase 170,475

Net assets available for benefits

Beginning of year 66,404,824

End of year \$ 66,575,299

Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note A – Description of Plan

The following description of the Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution profit sharing and 401(k) plan covering all eligible associates of Payless ShoeSource, Inc. and its approved affiliates (the “Company” or “Employer”). The effective date of the Plan is April 1, 1996. The Plan was most recently stated and amended effective October 3, 2022. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”).

All employees of the Company are eligible to participate and enter the Plan upon attaining age 18 except for any employee who is a nonresident alien, residents of Puerto Rico and union employees. Employees become participants upon employment commencement date or if later, upon satisfaction of eligibility conditions.

Administration

The Plan is administered by a management committee appointed by the Board of Directors (the “Committee”). This Committee has the general responsibility for administration of the Plan, as well as establishing and monitoring investment policies and activities. The Company has retained a third party, Gallagher Fiduciary Advisors, LLC, to provide certain fiduciary assistance to the Plan, including but not limited to, monitoring plan investments. The Plan’s assets are held and managed by Empower Trust Company (the “Trustee”).

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 75% of their compensation to their participant account subject to limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) limitations. The maximum participant deferral for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$23,000. A participant who has attained the age of 50 may also make catch up contributions, subject to Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) limitations of \$7,500 for the year ended December 31, 2024. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans as well as Roth 401(k) deferrals. Contributions received from participants are net of excess deferral contributions refunded, as required to satisfy the relevant nondiscrimination provisions of the Plan.

The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible associates are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation.

The Company, at its sole discretion, may make a matching contribution as under the terms of the Plan undistributed net profits for the current year and any prior year, as determined by the Company, can be used to make a Company matching contribution. The Company matching contribution is allocated in proportion to the amount that each participant’s contributions for the Plan year. The Company matching contribution is allocated to participants who are employed by the Company on the last day of the Plan year, unless termination is due to retirement, death or disability. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company made a discretionary matching contribution of approximately \$275,000.

Participant Accounts

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s salary reduction contribution, after tax (Roth) contributions, rollover contributions from other qualified retirement Plans and an allocation of the Company’s contributions. Plan earnings and losses are allocated to each participant’s account based upon the ratio of their account of the total of all participants’ accounts.

Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note A – Description of Plan (continued)

Vesting

Participants are immediately 100% vested in their own salary deferral and rollover contributions, and earnings thereon. A participant is 100% vested in Employer contributions upon death, disability, retirement age, or after five years of credited service as follows:

<u>Years of Services</u>	<u>Vesting Percentage</u>
Less than 2	0%
2	25%
3	50%
4	75%
5	100%

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 or 50% of their account balance. Loan transactions are treated as a transfer to (from) the investment fund from (to) the participant notes receivable. The maximum note repayment period is five years unless the note is for the purchase of a primary residence in which case the repayment schedule may be for a term in excess of five years. Principal and interest are paid by payroll deduction in substantially equal payments over the life of the loan.

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. In the event of default, the unpaid portion of the participant's loan will be treated as a taxable distribution as of the last day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the participant made their last payment.

Distribution of Benefits

Upon retirement, death, disability or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive distribution of their vested account balance in a lump-sum amount or rollover their account balance to an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA") or other qualified retirement Plan. If a participant's account balance is \$5,000 or less, the participant will automatically receive a lump-sum distribution. Participants may withdraw all or a portion of their full account balance without penalty upon attainment of age 59 ½. The Plan allows active participants to withdraw their after-tax contributions. Hardship withdrawals are allowed for a qualifying financial hardship.

Forfeitures

Forfeited balances of terminated participants' non-vested accounts are used to pay administrative expenses or reduce future Employer contributions. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan had approximately \$290,000 and \$274,000, respectively, in forfeitures available to offset future Company contributions or Plan expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company did not use any forfeitures to reduce Plan expenses.

Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note A – Description of Plan (continued)

Plan Termination

In April 2017, Payless filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. As a result of the reduction on the Company's workforce, the Plan experienced a partial Plan termination as defined by ERISA. Under ERISA, a partial Plan termination may occur if a significant percentage of the Plan participants are terminated because of an action taken by the Plan sponsor. If a partial termination occurs, full vesting in the Company's contribution is required for the affected participants, but the remaining participants' vesting continues to be determined per the Plan document. All affected employees who were participants in the Plan were fully vested in their account balances as of the date of the partial Plan termination.

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination of the Plan, each participant's account will become fully vested and non-forfeitable. All appropriate accounting provisions of the Plan will continue to apply until the accounts of all participants have been distributed.

Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and the changes in net assets available for benefits and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Valuation of Investments

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value as described in Note G. Fair value is based on quoted market prices at year-end as reported by the Trustee. The Plan's interest in the common collective trust is valued based on information reported by the investment advisor using the audited financial statements of the collective trust at year-end. 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.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Employer. Expenses that are paid by the Employer are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fair Value Measurements

The FASB has established a framework for measuring fair value in ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements*. 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:

<i>Level 1</i>	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.
<i>Level 2</i>	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 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.
<i>Level 3</i>	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.

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

Mutual funds: 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 Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common/collective trusts: Valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the Trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchased and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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.

Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Investments measured using the NAV as a practical expedient are exempt from being presented in the fair value hierarchy.

	<u>Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date</u>	
	<u>Using:</u>	
	<u>Assets Measured at Fair Value at 12/31/2024</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 5,975,466	\$ 5,975,466
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	5,975,466	5,975,466
Investments measured at net asset value	48,059,342	
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 54,034,808</u>	

	<u>Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date</u>	
	<u>Using:</u>	
	<u>Assets Measured at Fair Value at 12/31/2023</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 4,513,600	\$ 4,513,600
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	4,513,600	4,513,600
Investments measured at net asset value	47,288,723	
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 51,802,323</u>	

Investments measured using the NAV as a practical expedient are exempt from being presented in the fair value hierarchy.

Note C – Certified Investments

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2024 was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Empower Trust Company, a qualified institution. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the years then ended, the Plan Administrator instructed the auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by Empower Trust Company, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Note D – Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020 stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Subsequent to the issuance of the determination letter, the Plan was amended. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note D – Income Tax Status (continued)

The Plan Administrator evaluated the Plan’s tax positions and concluded that the Plan had maintained its tax-exempt status and had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements. Therefore, no provision or liability for income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statements. The Plan is no longer subject to examination by taxing authorities for years prior to 2021.

Note E – 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.

Note F – Party-In-Interest Transactions

Fees paid during the year for accounting and other services rendered by parties-in-interest were based on customary and reasonable rates for such services. Certain Plan investments and the related transactions as of December 31, 2024, and for the year then ended, were in investment funds managed by the Trustee; therefore, these investments and transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions because they are transacted with Plan participants. Notes receivable from participants are also considered to be party-in-interest transactions because they are transacted with Plan participants. Fees paid to parties-in-interest by the Plan for services amounted to approximately \$148,000 during the year ended December 31, 2024.

Note G – Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts

Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, at contract value on the statement of net assets consist of the following investment:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Investment name</u>	<u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>December 31, 2023</u>
Guaranteed interest account	EI Fixed Account - Series Class I	\$ 12,167,489	\$ 14,558,671

The Plan invests in a guaranteed interest account (EI Fixed Account - Series Class I, “the Fund”) provided through a group annuity contract. Under the Fund, a crediting rate is established and is credited with contributions and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses charged by the Trustee of the Fund. The guaranteed interest account issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specific interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

The Plan’s ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer’s ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer’s ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Specific coverage provided by each contract may be different from each issuer and can be found in the contract of the Fund. Examples of such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another Plan), (2) changes to the Plan’s prohibition on competing investments options or deletion of equity wash provision, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan Administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such event, which would limit the Plan’s ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note H – 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 as of December 31:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 66,575,299	\$ 66,404,824
Less: Contributions receivable due in current period	(274,733)	-
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 66,300,566</u>	<u>\$ 66,404,824</u>

The following is a reconciliation of additions per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31:

	<u>2024</u>
Total additions per the financial statements	\$ 7,144,752
Less: Change in contributions receivable due in current period	(274,733)
Total reductions per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 6,870,019</u>

Note I – Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through September 5, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplemental Schedule

Payless 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (EIN): 48-0674097 Plan #002
Schedule H, Line 4i- Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
As of December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of issuer/ (c) Description of investment	(e) Current value
(i) Mutual funds:		
	STATE STREET EQUITY 500 INDEX K	\$ 2,123,034
	DREYFUS GOVERNMENT CASH MGMT INSTL	1,991,015
	AB LARGE CAP GROWTH Z	401,671
	VANGUARD LIFESTRATEGY GROWTH INV	246,198
	PUTNAM LARGE CAP VALUE R6	165,898
	AMERICAN FUNDS NEW WORLD R6	165,049
	FIDELITY MID CAP INDEX	164,653
	DFA INFLATION-PROTECTED SECURITIES I	163,943
	BLACKROCK ADVANTAGE COREALPHA BOND K	119,113
	MFS INTERNATIONAL EQUITY R6	99,795
	FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL INDEX	98,588
	DFA US TARGETED VALUE I	92,558
	I SHARES RUSSELL SMALL MID CAP INDEX K	91,385
	PGIM HIGH YIELD R6	17,891
	VANGUARD LIFESTRATEGY MODERATE GROWTH	9,908
	COHEN & STEERS GLOBAL REALTY Z	8,344
	LORD ABBETT SHORT DURATION INCOME R6	5,023
	ALLSPRING CORE PLUS BOND R6	3,902
	VANGUARD LIFESTRATEGY INCOME INV	3,368
	LORD ABBETT DEVELOPING GROWTH R6	3,143
	VANGUARD LIFESTRATEGY CNSRV GR INV	985
	AB GLOBAL BOND Z	2
	Total mutual funds	5,975,466
(ii) Common collective trust:		
*	JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 2030 CF	13,307,164
*	JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 2035-CF	8,977,663
*	JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 2040-CF	7,115,336
*	JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 2025-CF	6,534,219
*	JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 2050-CF	3,541,526
*	JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 2045-CF	3,250,377
*	JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 2020 CF	2,931,408
*	JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 2055-CF	1,711,442
*	JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND INC-CF	539,069
*	JPMCB SMARTRETIREMENT PASV BLND 2060-CF	151,138
	Total common collective trusts	48,059,342
(iii) Guranteed interest account:		
	E I FIXED ACCOUNT - SERIES CLASS I	12,167,489
*	Notes receivable from participants (4.25%-10.50%)	98,269
	Total investments and notes receivable from participants	\$ 66,300,566
* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.		

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
1VSMGX			9,768.86	9,907.80
1VASGX			214,589.14	246,198.25
1JPBINC			423,940.96	539,069.28
1JPB20C			2,317,163.12	2,931,408.37
1JPB25C			5,009,938.91	6,534,219.35
1JPB30C			9,852,192.20	13,307,161.26
1VASIX			3,300.87	3,367.72
1JPB35C			6,413,692.74	8,977,663.47
1JPB40C			4,919,073.69	7,115,336.01
1JPB45C			2,214,971.47	3,250,377.37
1JPB50C			2,396,429.84	3,541,526.36
1JPB55C			1,207,467.96	1,711,442.39
1JPB60C			125,427.58	151,138.15
1RNWGX			154,948.82	165,049.09
1CSFZX			7,777.66	8,344.41
1FSPSX			97,605.81	98,587.79
1MIEIX			96,481.70	99,795.02
1BSMKX			77,231.10	91,384.54
1DFFVX			85,406.69	92,557.58
1LADVX			2,515.92	3,143.12
1FSMDX			152,453.37	164,652.71
1APGZX			362,110.67	401,670.75
1PEQSX			147,934.94	165,898.40
1SSSYX1			1,529,204.84	2,123,034.09
1VSCGX			987.51	985.30
1ANAZX			2.35	2.31
1BCRKX			121,957.35	119,113.16
1DIP SX			165,055.54	163,942.81
1LDLVX			5,024.36	5,023.10
1PHYQX			17,672.08	17,890.86
1STYJX			3,969.95	3,902.03
1GWAQ35		1.450	11,926,594.84	12,167,489.28
			50,062,892.84	64,211,282.13
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	4.250-10.500	98,362.11	98,268.52
FORFEITURES			1,991,014.87	1,991,014.87

INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
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LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1VSMGX	Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Growth	1VASGX	Vanguard LifeStrategy Growth Inv
1JPBINC	JPMCB SmartRetirement Pasv Blnd Inc-CF	1JPB20C	JPMCB SmartRetirement Pasv Blnd 2020 CF
1JPB25C	JPMCB SmartRetirement Pasv Blnd 2025-CF	1JPB30C	JPMCB SmartRetirement Pasv Blnd 2030 CF
1VASIX	Vanguard LifeStrategy Income Inv	1JPB35C	JPMCB SmartRetirement Pasv Blnd 2035-CF
1JPB40C	JPMCB SmartRetirement Pasv Blnd 2040-CF	1JPB45C	JPMCB SmartRetirement Pasv Blnd 2045-CF
1JPB50C	JPMCB SmartRetirement Pasv Blnd 2050-CF	1JPB55C	JPMCB SmartRetirement Pasv Blnd 2055-CF
1JPB60C	JPMCB SmartRetirement Pasv Blnd 2060-CF	1RNWGX	American Funds New World R6
1CSFZX	Cohen & Steers Global Realty Z	1FSPSX	Fidelity International Index
1MIEIX	MFS International Equity R6	1BSMKX	i Shares Russell Small Mid Cap Index K
1DFFVX	DFA US Targeted Value I	1LADVX	Lord Abbett Developing Growth R6
1FSMDX	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	1APGZX	AB Large Cap Growth Z
1PEQSX	Putnam Large Cap Value R6	1SSSYX1	State Street Equity 500 Index K
1VSCGX	Vanguard LifeStrategy Cnsvr Gr Inv	1ANAZX	AB Global Bond Z
1BCRKX	BlackRock Advantage CoreAlpha Bond K	1DIPSX	DFA Inflation-Protected Securities I
1LDLVX	Lord Abbett Short Duration Income R6	1PHYQX	PGIM High Yield R6
1STYJX	Allspring Core Plus Bond R6	1GWAQ35	E I Fixed Account - Series Class I

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year

CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year