

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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).

2024

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

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

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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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... [X] a single-employer plan [] a DFE... B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2016
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): FUND EVALUATION GROUP 2017, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 82-2116824
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 513-719-5129
2d Business code (see instructions): 523900

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

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

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

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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	163
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)	123
	6a(2)	146
	6b	2
	6c	26
	6d	174
	6e	0
	6f	174
	6g(1)	162
6g(2)	173	
6h	4	
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:
2I 2P 2Q

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 type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

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

a Pension Schedules	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 type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input 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 _____

**SCHEDULE H
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2024

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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 FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 FUND EVALUATION GROUP 2017, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 82-2116824	

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

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

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	39878304	45446896
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	39878304	45446896
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	28185898	27272978
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	28185898	27272978
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	11692406	18173918

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)	1703002	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		1703002
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)	5568592	
(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)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		7271594

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	62886	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		62886
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		727196
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		790082

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		6481512
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: **BARNES DENNIG & CO., LTD**

(2) EIN: **31-1119890**

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>FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 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>FUND EVALUATION GROUP 2017, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>82-2116824</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): 33-6134835

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 ___/___/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.

Fund Evaluation Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan

**Financial Statements
With Supplementary Information
Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023
With Independent Auditors' Report**



Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator of Fund Evaluation Group
Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Cincinnati, Ohio

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Fund Evaluation Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Fund Evaluation Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements include common stock of Fund Evaluation, LLC valued at \$45,446,896 and \$39,878,304 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, whose fair value has been measured by the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Committee of Fund Evaluation Group, LLC (the "Committee"), based on an independent appraisal, in the absence of a readily attainable market value. We have reviewed the procedures applied by the Committee in arriving at its estimate of the fair value of such securities and have inspected the underlying documentation, and in the circumstances, we believe that such procedures are reasonable and the documentation appropriate. However, because of inherent uncertainty of a valuation, those estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

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.

**Independent Auditors' Report
(Continued)**

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements (Continued)

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 Fund Evaluation Group Employee Stock Ownership 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

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 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 Fund Evaluation Group Employee Stock Ownership 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 Fund Evaluation Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

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**Independent Auditors' Report
(Continued)**

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information 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.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, 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 information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



October 2, 2025
Crestview Hills, Kentucky

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits December 31, 2024 and 2023

		2024		
		Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Assets				
Investments - at fair value:				
Common stock of Fund Evaluation Group, LLC	\$	16,023,891	29,423,005	\$ 45,446,896
Total assets		16,023,891	29,423,005	45,446,896
Liabilities				
Note payable		-	27,272,978	27,272,978
Total liabilities		-	27,272,978	27,272,978
Net assets (deficit) available for benefits	\$	16,023,891	2,150,027	\$ 18,173,918
		2023		
		Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Assets				
Investments - at fair value:				
Common stock of Fund Evaluation Group, LLC	\$	12,886,952	26,991,352	\$ 39,878,304
Total assets		12,886,952	26,991,352	39,878,304
Liabilities				
Note payable		-	28,185,898	28,185,898
Total liabilities		-	28,185,898	28,185,898
Net assets (deficit) available for benefits	\$	12,886,952	(1,194,546)	\$ 11,692,406

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Additions			
Investment income			
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,799,530	\$ 3,769,062	\$ 5,568,592
Employer Contributions	62,886	1,640,116	1,703,002
Total additions	<u>1,862,416</u>	<u>5,409,178</u>	<u>7,271,594</u>
Deductions			
Benefit payments to participants	62,886	-	62,886
Interest expense	-	727,196	727,196
Total deductions	<u>62,886</u>	<u>727,196</u>	<u>790,082</u>
Allocation			
Allocation of 2,643.10 shares of Fund Evaluation Group common stock	1,337,409	(1,337,409)	-
Net increase	3,136,939	3,344,573	6,481,512
Net assets available for benefits			
Beginning of year	<u>12,886,952</u>	<u>(1,194,546)</u>	<u>11,692,406</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 16,023,891</u>	<u>\$ 2,150,027</u>	<u>\$ 18,173,918</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of Fund Evaluation Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to their Fund Evaluation Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

Fund Evaluation Group, LLC (the "Company") established the Fund Evaluation Group, LLC 2016 Profit Sharing Plan effective January 1, 2016. That plan was restated as the Fund Evaluation Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective as of January 1, 2017. The Plan operates, in relevant part, as a leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP"), and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and will be funded entirely through company contributions. The Plan is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). The Plan has established a trust which holds the Plan investment assets and executes investment transactions.

Eligibility and Participation

Employees of the Company except (i) employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement between employee representatives and employer, if retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining, (ii) non-resident aliens, (iii) leased employees or (iv) interns or co-op employees, are generally eligible to participate in the Plan provided they have attained age 21 and have been credited with at least one full year of service, defined as a year in which an employee has earned not less than 1,000 hours of service. Participants are not required to make rollover contributions or any other employee contribution to the Plan.

Contributions

Contributions to the Plan are at the discretion of plan management provided that such contributions, when aggregated with the Company's dividends, shall be sufficient to cover principal and interest on the securities acquisition loans. As the Plan makes each payment of principal and interest, an appropriate percentage of stock will be allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Internal Revenue Code.

Participant Accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each year with an allocation of company contributions released from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total compensation.

Payment of Benefits

Subject to a participant's consent, the trustee shall commence distribution to a participant as soon as administratively practicable no later than during the third plan year following the plan year in which a participant has separated from the service of the Company. Provided, however, that any stock allocated to a participant's account which was acquired with the proceeds of a loan shall not be eligible for distribution until the close of the plan year in which the loan is repaid in full, and no distribution shall be made if the participant is reemployed by the employer before distribution is required to begin.

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Payment of Benefits (Continued)

Distributions due to a participant attaining normal retirement age (age 65) or disability shall commence as soon as administratively practicable during the plan year following the plan year in which the participant has separated service from the Company and has not been reemployed by the Company before distribution is required to begin. Account balances \$5,000 or less do not need consent from the participant to be distributed.

Expenses

All usual and reasonable expenses of the plan administrator may be paid in whole or in part by the Company. Any expense not paid by the Company shall be paid out of the principal or income of the Plan.

Participant Accounts and Forfeitures

Employer contributions and plan forfeitures are allocated to each participant's account based on the relation of the participant's compensation to total compensation for the plan year. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based upon the beginning balances in their cash account less any distribution from such amount since the preceding allocation date. Plan expenses are allocated to each participant's account based upon their total beginning account balances less any distributions since the preceding allocation date.

Vesting

Participant account balances vest at a rate of 20% per year in years one through five of participation in the Plan, with full vesting upon the earlier of normal retirement, disability, death or six years of vesting service. Participants will receive credit for one year of service for each five years of service earned prior to the original effective date of the Plan.

Diversification

Shares purchased by the Plan after December 31, 1986, are subject to the diversification rules of Code Section 401(a)(28)(B). Qualified participants who have attained age 55 and 10 years of participation must be permitted to diversify up to 25% of the value of post-1986 shares allocated to their account. This election period runs for each year in which a participant qualified and is under the age of 60. In the year in which the qualified participant reaches age 60, the participant may elect to diversify up to 50% of shares allocated to their accounts.

Put Option

Under federal income tax regulations, the employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market or is subject to trading limitations includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the fair market value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchases with interest over a period of five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Investment Concentrations

The Plan holds 100% of its investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 in shares of Company stock which are not readily tradable in an established market.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates. The Plan intends to invest primarily in common stock of the Company. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Administration of the Plan Assets

Several employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan. These services include Plan oversight and day-to-day Plan administration. The Plan is not charged by the Company for the services of the employees to the Plan.

Certain expenses and costs of the Plan were paid by the Company and, accordingly, are not reflected in the Plan's financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The common stock of the Company (89,816 shares held at December 31, 2024 and 2023) is not actively traded. The estimated fair value of the common stock (\$506 and \$444 per share at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively) is based upon appraisals from an independent appraisal company. Such appraisals represent a fair value for the stock in the opinion of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Committee (the "Committee"). The cost of common stock redeemed from participants is determined by the average cost method.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated events subsequent to the balance sheet date of December 31, 2024, through October 2, 2025, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 TAX STATUS

The Plan Sponsor received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated April 5, 2018. Accordingly, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. They believe that the Plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires the evaluation of tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability or asset if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Company has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or asset or disclosure in the Plan's financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan's tax filings are subject to examination generally for three years after they are filed.

NOTE 4 PLAN TERMINATION

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

NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

GAAP provisions for Fair Value Measurements establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under GAAP provisions for Fair Value Measurements are described below:

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

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

Common Stock of Fund Evaluation Group, LLC: Valued at fair value as determined by the Committee as of the last day of the Plan year (Level 3 inputs), based on the recommendation of an independent appraiser selected by the Committee. This appraisal is performed using a combination of the income approach, which applies the discounted cash flow methodology, and the market approach, which applies the valuation multiples methodology of guideline public companies. Under the discounted cash flow method, projections are based upon past performance as identified in audited financial statements of the Company and management's projections of future performance. The resulting cash flow projections are discounted using a market related discount rate (which incorporates the Company's estimated weighted average cost of capital). The guideline public companies which are used for the valuation multiples are deemed to be as comparable as possible to the Company. Under both approaches a discount is applied for the lack of marketability since the Company's stock is not readily tradable on an established market. The historical and projected financial information of the Company which is used by the appraiser is provided by the Company's financial management. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report which management and the Committee, under the supervision of the Company's Board of Directors, reviews in detail and approves.

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.

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common stock of Fund Evaluation Group, LLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,446,896	\$ 45,446,896
Total assets at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,446,896	\$ 45,446,896

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common stock of Fund Evaluation Group, LLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,878,304	\$ 39,878,304
Total assets at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,878,304	\$ 39,878,304

The following is a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 assets for year ended December 31, 2024:

	Common stock Fund Evaluation Group, LLC
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 39,878,304
Unrealized gains relating to instruments still held at the reporting date	5,568,592
Balance, end of year	\$ 45,446,896

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 6 ACQUISITION BY ESOP

For purposes of the ESOP acquisition transaction, the existing stockholders were divided into Group A, B and C sellers. On September 15, 2017, as part of a single integrated transaction, 10,182 shares of outstanding common stock of the Company were redeemed by the Company from Group C stockholders in exchange for 127 shares of nonvoting common stock and warrants to purchase additional shares of the Company at a later date. These shares were then cancelled. The ESOP trust purchased the remaining 89,816 shares of outstanding common stock from the Group A and B stockholders in the aggregate amount of \$39,865,187, \$3,052,406 of which was paid in cash in exchange for 6,877 shares bought at sale. In order to finance the remaining purchase, the ESOP trust issued notes to each seller. These notes were subsequently assigned to the Company in exchange for new notes to each seller. The Company and the ESOP trust then entered into an ESOP loan agreement in which the ESOP trust issued a promissory note in favor of the Company in consideration for the assumption of the seller notes. As a result of the foregoing transactions, the ESOP trust owns 100% of the issued and outstanding voting stock of the Company and the Company had debt in aggregate of \$25,335,371 to previous stockholders and in the amount of \$13,300,000 to an external lender at December 31, 2017. A portion of the proceeds due to the stockholders in the transaction were used to repay previously existing notes due the Company.

NOTE 7 NOTE PAYABLE

The Plan entered into a term note with the Company of \$36,812,781 during September 2017 to purchase substantially all of the Company's stock. The note is payable in annual installments of \$1,640,116 and matures on December 31, 2046. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 2.58%. The note is collateralized by the unallocated shares of Company common stock.

As of the end of each plan year, the number of the unallocated shares to be allocated shall be calculated by multiplying the number of unallocated shares immediately before the release by a fraction: the numerator of the fraction shall be the amount of principal and interest paid with respect to the note payable during the year; the denominator of the fraction shall be the sum of the numerator and the remaining payments of principal and interest thereon.

The lender has no rights against shares once they are allocated under the ESOP. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to (a) the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock and (b) stock not yet allocated to employees. During the year ending December 31, 2024, 2,643.10 shares of Company common stock with a fair value of \$1,337,409 were released from the Plan's unallocated shares, as a result of repayments of the ESOP debt. As of December 31, 2024, 58,148.23 shares of Company common stock were held as collateral for the ESOP debt.

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 7 NOTE PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

Long-term debt maturities during the next five years are tabulated as follows:

2025	936,473
2026	960,634
2027	985,418
2028	1,010,842
2029	1,036,922
Thereafter	<u>22,342,689</u>
	<u><u>\$ 27,272,978</u></u>

NOTE 8 PARTY-IN-INTEREST AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are considered party-interest investments. These include common stock of the Company. Argent Trust Company, the Plan's trustee, and Blue Ridge ESOP Associates, the Plan's recordkeeper, receive fees for their services to the Plan, which have been paid by the Company on behalf of the Plan.

Certain employees and/or officers of the Company provide trustee and other administrative services for the Plan. These employees and/or officers are also participants of the Plan. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan owned 89,816 shares of Fund Evaluation Group, LLC common stock with a cost of \$39,864,832. Information about the Plan's investment in Fund Evaluation Group, LLC common stock is as follows:

	December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023	
	Allocated	Unallocated	Allocated	Unallocated
Fund Evaluation Group, LLC common shares:				
Number of shares	<u>31,667.7679</u>	<u>58,148.2321</u>	<u>29,024.6664</u>	<u>60,791.3336</u>
Cost	<u>\$ 14,055,738</u>	<u>\$ 25,809,093</u>	<u>\$ 12,882,598</u>	<u>\$ 26,982,233</u>
Estimated fair value	<u>\$ 16,023,891</u>	<u>\$ 29,423,005</u>	<u>\$ 12,886,952</u>	<u>\$ 26,991,352</u>

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

Name of Plan:

▶ Fund Evaluation Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Employer Identification Number: ▶ 82-2116824

For plan year (beginning/ending): ▶ 1/1/2024-12/31/2024

Plan number: ▶ 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Fund Evaluation Group	Common Stock of Fund Evaluation Group	39,864,832	45,446,896
*	Represents Party In Interest			

FUND EVALUATION GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

**Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2024**

Schedule H (Form 5500)
EIN 82-2116824
Plan Number – 002

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>	<u>Column C</u>	<u>Column D</u>	<u>Column E</u>
	Identity of issuer, borrower of similar entity	Description of Investment	Cost	Current Value
*	Fund Evaluation Group	Common Stock of Fund Evaluation Group	<u>\$ 39,864,832</u>	<u>\$ 45,446,896</u>
			<u>\$ 39,864,832</u>	<u>\$ 45,446,896</u>

* NOTE: The common stock of Fund Evaluation Group, LLC is a party-in-interest to the Plan and is not actively traded. The market value of the common stock is based upon an appraisal from an independent appraisal company. Such appraisal represents a fair value for the stock in the opinion of the Committee of the Plan.

See independent auditors' report