

<p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

<p>1a Name of plan <u>GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>
<p>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>GOLDEN STEPS ABA NJ LLC</u></p> <p><u>560 SYLVAN AVE</u> <u>STE 2048</u> <u>ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2020</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-4365719</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>615-570-9959</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>611000</u></p>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/06/2025	CHASE LITENATSKY
	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	773
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)	734
	6a(2)	1037
	6b	7
	6c	72
	6d	1116
	6e	0
	6f	1116
	6g(1)	160
	6g(2)	224
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 2J 2K 2F 2G 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

- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) **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 GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001</p>	
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GOLDEN STEPS ABA NJ LLC</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-4365719</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
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (USA)

(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
01-0233346	65838	150112	241	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 8346	(b) Total amount of fees paid 4650
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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
CAMBRIDGE INV. RESEARCH **56 EAST BURLINGTON AVENUE**
FAIRFIELD, IA 52556

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
7579			4

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
EGPS, INC. **PO BOX 54**
FRANKLIN SQUARE, NY 11010-0054

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
767	4650	TPA FEES	5

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

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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	1983
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	1998464

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

b Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 0

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	
		7c(6) 0

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 0

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 0

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
	7e(2)	
	7e(3)	
	7e(4)	
		7e(5) 0

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 0

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 0

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. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

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 D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	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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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>GOLDEN STEPS ABA NJ LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-4365719</u>

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>VANGUARD TARGET RETIREMENT INCOME</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1451</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET RET 2025</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3819</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET RET 2030</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET RET 2035</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>11015</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET RET 2040</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>67574</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET RET 2045</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>79879</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET RET 2050</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>320095</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2055		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 400156

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2060		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 632745

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET RET 2065		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 289269

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK STABLE VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1593

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK BOND FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 934

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AF AMERICAN BALANCED FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2632

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TIAA-CREF LARGE-CAP VALUE IDX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 16543

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK STRATEGIC GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8758

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13540

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 79991

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TIAA-CREF SMALL-CAP BLEND IDX

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	12999
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NORTHERN EM EQUITY INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	23716
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY REAL ESTATE INDEX

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4629
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY MID CAP INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	27127
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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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
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	878	1983
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	26913	34064
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	6678
(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)	9848	16321
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	1180	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	1156639	2050671
(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)	0	0
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(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	1195458	2109717
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	0	0
h Operating payables.....	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	4791
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	4791
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	1195458	2104926

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)	45958	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	647945	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	146507	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		840410
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)	1208	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		1208
(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)		
(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)		200033
(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		1041651

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	97609	
(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)		97609
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		1278
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	33296	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0	
(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)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		33296
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		132183

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		909468
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: **GGM ASSOCIATES, INC.**

(2) EIN: **84-4230150**

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		119546
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>GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>GOLDEN STEPS ABA NJ LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-4365719</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): 13-3646501

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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703912A.

GOLDEN STEPS-GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 and 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Administrative Committee of the
GOLDEN STEPS-GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of GOLDEN STEPS-GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST, 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 for the years then ended 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 audits of GOLDEN STEPS-GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5-6 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 GOLDEN STEPS-GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about GOLDEN STEPS-GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of GOLDEN STEPS-GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST'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 GOLDEN STEPS-GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i) - Schedule of assets are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion—

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

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Chicago, IL
October 6, 2025

GOLDEN STEPS-GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the year ended December 31, 2024

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS

Contributions:		
Participant	\$	647,945
Rollovers		146,507
Employer		<u>45,958</u>
Total contributions		840,410
Interest from note receivables		<u>1,208</u>
Investment income		
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments		<u>200,033</u>
Total investment income		200,033
Total additions to net assets		<u>1,041,651</u>

DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS

Benefits paid to participants		98,887
Administrative expenses		<u>33,296</u>
Total deductions from net assets		132,183
Net increase		<u>909,468</u>

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - BEGINNING OF YEAR \$ **1,195,458**

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - END OF YEAR \$ **2,104,926**

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of Golden Steps ABA LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions. The Plan was effective January 1, 2020, and amended and restated most recently effective January 1, 2022. The Plan is sponsored by Golden Steps ABA NJ LLC (the “Plan Sponsor” or “the Company”) Information about the Plan’s agreements, vesting and benefit provisions, is contained in the Plan’s Summary Plan Description. Participants should refer to the Plan’s Summary Plan Descriptions for more complete information. Copies of these documents for the Plan are available at the office of the Plan Sponsor.

Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan was amended and restated to conform the Plan to the recent tax laws and to add new participating employers as follows: Golden Steps ABA IN, LLC; Golden Steps ABA GA, LLC; Golden Steps ABA LLC; Golden Steps ABA NE, LLC; Golden Steps ABA MA, LLC; Golden Steps ABA TN, LLC; Golden Steps ABA OK, LLC; Golden Steps ABA VA, LLC; Golden Steps ABA MD, LLC.

General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of the Company who have one month of service and are age twenty-one or older. In addition, the employee must be a non-resident alien and be a non-union employee. Once these conditions are met, employees will become eligible to participate, and the entry date will be the first day of the month coinciding or subsequent of satisfying the eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan's assets are held in a trust created under the terms of the Plan. The Trustee is Yechezkel Litenatsky (“Trustee”). The Trustee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investments, monitors investment performance. EGPS, Inc. is the Plan’s third-party administrator (“TPA”), and John Hancock Retirement Services is the recordkeeper for the Plan (the “Recordkeeper”). John Hancock Life Insurance Company is the Plan’s custodian and is under a group annuity contract with the Plan.

Contributions:

Participant Salary Deferral:

Participants in the Plan may contribute a discretionary amount of their annual compensation and bonus provided that the participant's contribution does not exceed the maximum dollar amount determined by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) each year, which is \$23,000 for the year ended December 31, 2024. Employees over the age of 50 can elect to contribute an additional \$7,500. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. The Plan has a managed savings feature with an option for automatic deferral increase on your anniversary, if elected.

Employer Discretionary Matching Contributions:

The Plan has elected to make a discretionary matching contribution based on the Company’s determination and sole discretion to make to the Plan. Employees of the Company who have completed a year of service are eligible to receive an employer matching contribution which will be effective the first day of the next calendar month upon meeting the eligibility requirements. The employer match contribution was in the amount of \$34,064 and \$26,913 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Vesting:

Participants are 100% vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Company's discretionary matching and profit-sharing contributions plus actual earnings thereon based on the following schedule:

Years of Service	Vesting Percentage
Less than two years	0%
2 years	20%
3 years	40%
4 years	60%
5 years	80%
6 years	100%

Participant accounts:

Individual participant accounts are credited with applicable participant contributions, an allocation of the Company's contributions, and investment earnings or losses, and are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based upon participant earnings or account balances, as defined in the Plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Forfeitures:

A participant who terminates employment and is less than 100% vested forfeits the non-vested portion of their account. Forfeitures attributable to employer matching contributions are used to pay the Plan expenses or to reduce amounts otherwise required to be contributed to the Plan. For the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 there were no forfeited amounts.

Investment options:

Participants may direct the investment of their account balance into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers a variety of mutual funds as investment options for participants.

Loans to participants:

Participants may borrow up to the lesser of \$50,000 or 95% of one-half their vested interest in the Plan and the loan shall not be less than \$1,000. Only one outstanding loan is allowable at any time for each participant. The term of all loans shall be 60 months or less unless the loan is for the purchase of a primary residence. The loan interest rate is prime plus 1% at the time of issuance. The historical prime rate was 8.50% and 7.50 % at December 31, 2024 and 2023. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, participant notes receivable balance was in the amount of \$16,321 and \$9,848, respectively.

Payment of benefits:

A participant becomes entitled to benefits under the Plan upon retirement at age 65, death, permanent disability, or resignation from the Company. In-service distributions are also allowed for participants who attain the age of 59 ½ and hardship distributions are permitted. Upon death or disability, a participant's account balance becomes fully vested. Upon resignation or retirement, participants are entitled to receive the vested portion of their account balance either in partial or full distributions.

Participants' benefits are charged to participants' equity during the period when participants are entitled to receive payment, which generally is the period during which the benefits are paid

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Subsequent events:

In the preparation of the financial statements, the Plan was reviewed and evaluated by management and determined there were no subsequent events or transactions for disclosure through October 6, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with accounting policies generally accepted in the United States of America, except for benefit payments, which are recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) requires the Company to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements, accompanying notes, and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Investments and Income Recognition

The investments of the Plan are stated at fair value as of the end of the year. Fair value measurements are determined in accordance with GAAP, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about assets and liabilities measured at fair value. See Notes 6-7 for information related to the Plan’s valuation methodologies. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

For detailed information on each fund’s investments and concentrations of credit risk, the Prospectus and the Annual Report are available from John Hancock Life Insurance Company. Investments are reported at fair value.

Contributions

Contributions from the Company and participants are accrued as they become obligations of the Company, as determined by the Plan’s administrator, and in the period in which they are deducted, in accordance with salary deferral agreements.

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 Sponsor. Expenses that are paid by the Sponsor are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable and benefits paid to participants are charged directly to the participants’ accounts and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan's investments 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 the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances, and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Reclassifications

Reclassifications were added to the prior year's financial statements for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation of the current financial statements.

NOTE 3 – TAX STATUS

The Plan is a non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing with CODA sponsored by CCH Incorporated, DBA ftwilliam (A John Hancock affiliate) in which has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated June 30, 2020.

The IRS has determined and informed the Company that the Plan and the related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected.

NOTE 4 – PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Sponsor 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 fully vested in their allocation of Sponsor contributions.

NOTE 5 – CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACT HELD BY JOHN HANCOCK

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by the Plan's custodian.

The Custodian certified the fair value of investments of \$2,109,717 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The Custodian certified Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought, sold, and held during the year) appreciated in value in the amount of \$200,033 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 6 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- 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 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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The 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.

Pooled separate accounts:

Valued at the NAV as determined by the quoted market prices of the underlying mutual funds or investments in which the pooled separate accounts invest.

Common-collective trusts:

Valued at the net asset value (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 (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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NOTE 6 – 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:

	Fair Value as December 31, 2024			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investments measured at net asset value*				\$ 1,998,465
Total investments at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,998,465

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

	Fair Value as December 31, 2023			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investments measured at net asset value*				\$ 1,119,108
Total investments at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,119,108

* In accordance with FASB ASC 820, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient

The following tables summarize investments of the Master Trust measured at fair value based upon NAV per share as practical expedient as of December 31, 2024, and 2023, respectively:

	December 31, 2024					
Fund	Fair Value	Contract	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period	
Common collective trust*	\$ 1,632	\$ 1,593	Daily	Daily	12 months	
Pooled separate accounts*	\$ 2,049,039	\$ 1,996,872	Daily	Daily	7 business days	
Net investments	<u>\$ 2,050,671</u>	<u>\$ 1,998,465</u>				

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Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 6 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient (continued)

The following tables summarize investments of the investments measured at fair value based upon NAV per share as practical expedient as of December 31, 2023:

Fund	December 31, 2023		Unfunded	Redemption	Redemption
	Fair Value	Contract	Commitments	Frequency	Notice Period
Common collective trust*	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,166	Daily	Daily	12 months
Pooled separate accounts*	\$ 1,156,640	\$ 1,117,942	Daily	Daily	7 business days
Net investments	\$ <u>1,157,820</u>	\$ <u>1,119,108</u>			

NOTE 7 – FULLY BENEFIT REPOSITIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACT

The Plan holds a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract, for which contributions are maintained in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by the sponsoring trustee, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at the specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The credit rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 0 percent. The credit rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

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 might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Such events include:

- amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan);
- changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions;
- 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;
- the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA;
- premature termination of the contract.

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 7 – FULLY BENEFIT REPOSITIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACT (CONTINUED)

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. These events may be different under each contract.

Such events include:

- a. an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines;
- b. a breach of material obligation under the contract;
- c. a material misrepresentation; or,
- d. a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of the issuer

Synthetic guaranteed investment contracts (“GICs”) are issued by an insurance company or bank and backed by a portfolio of underlying bonds that are owned by the Plan. These assets underlying the wrap contract are maintained separately from the contract issuer’s general assets. The wrapper contracts are obligated to provide an interest rate not less than zero. These contracts typically provide that realized and unrealized gains and losses on the underlying assets are not reflected immediately in the net assets of the Plan, but rather are amortized, usually over the time to maturity or the duration of the underlying investments, through adjustments to the future interest crediting rate. The interest credit rate resets quarterly each January, April, July and October.

These contracts are fully benefit-responsive and provide that Plan participant-initiated withdrawals permitted under a participating plan will be paid at contract value. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Contract value represents contributions plus credited interest less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The total balance of the synthetic GIC contracts for the Stable Value Fund of the PwC Defined Contribution investment that at December 31, 2024, and 2023 are as follows:

As of December 31,	2024	2023
Cash liquidity fund	\$ 1,983	\$ 878
Synthetic investment contracts	1,998,465	1,119,108
Total investments at contract value	<u>\$ 2,000,448</u>	<u>\$ 1,119,986</u>

NOTE 8 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANASCTIONS

As of December 31, 2024, certain Plan investments were interests in registered investment companies held by John Hancock Life Insurance Company as the Plan’s trustee and recordkeeper. The Trustee provides services to the Plan as the custodian; therefore, these investments and transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

In addition, the Plan pays administrative fees to Economic Group Pension Services, INC (“EGPA”) and John Hancock Life Insurance Company in the amount of \$33,296 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 9 – RECONCILIATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net investments for benefits as of December 31, 2024, per the accompanying financial statements to the Form 5500:

Year ending December 31,	2024	2023
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,104,926	\$ 1,195,458
Less: Employee contribution receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ <u>2,104,926</u>	\$ <u>1,195,458</u>

Year ending December 31,	2024	2023
Total investments per the financial statements	\$ 1,998,465	1,119,108
Add: Employee contribution receivable	<u>58,884</u>	<u>38,712</u>
Total investments for the year ended per Form 5500	\$ <u>2,057,349</u>	<u>1,157,820</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

GOLDEN STEPS-GOLDEN STEPS ABA LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i) - Schedule of assets
For the year ended December 31, 2024

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 84-4365719

PLAN NUMBER: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current
POOLED SEPARATE ACCOUNTS				
*	John Hancock Insurance Company	500 Index Fund	**	79,991
	American Funds	Af American Balanced Fund	**	2,632
	Fidelity	Fidelity International Index	**	13,540
	Fidelity	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	**	27,127
	Fidelity	Fidelity Real Estate Index	**	4,629
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*	Northern Trusts	Northern Em Equity Index Fund	**	23,716
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	TIAA	Tiaa-Cref Small-Cap Blend Idx	**	12,999
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Ret 2025	**	3,819
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Ret 2030	**	-
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Ret 2035	**	11,015
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Ret 2040	**	67,574
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Ret 2045	**	79,879
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Ret 2050	**	320,095
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		Total pooled separate accounts		\$ 1,996,872
INSURANCE CONTRACTS AT CONTRACT VALUE				
*	John Hancock Insurance Company	JH Stable Value Guaranteed Income Fund	**	\$ 1,593
		Total investments		\$ 1,998,465
*	Notes receivables from participants	<i>Various loans with an interest rate of 7.50% - 9.50%</i>		\$ 16,321

*Represents party-in-interest .

**Cost information is not required for participant directed investments.

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