

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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

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1210-0089

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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.) [X] 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: [X] 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

1a Name of plan: CARTER FUNDS LLC 401(K) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2018
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): CARTER FUNDS LLC
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 84-2529306
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 813-316-4251
2d Business code (see instructions): 531110

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	357
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)	218
	6a(2)	213
	6b	6
	6c	134
	6d	353
	6e	
	6f	353
	6g(1)	330
6g(2)	341	
6h	36	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

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

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules	b General Schedules
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input 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 A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance 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.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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A Name of plan CARTER FUNDS LLC 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CARTER FUNDS LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-2529306

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
NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(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
31-4156830	66869	GAP-CP-KU6Q		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 301	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
CETERA ADVISOR NETWORKS LLC **2301 ROSECRANS AVE, SUITE 5100**
EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

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

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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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	978
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5
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) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
f	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)	
a	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b 90546
c	(1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1) 15065
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2) 2
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3) 1397
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4) 380295
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶	7c(5)
	(6) Total additions	7c(6) 396759
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d 487305
e	Deductions:	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1) 1440
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2) 29
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3) 484803
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶	7e(4) 56
(5) Total deductions	7e(5) 486328	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f 977

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)
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)
	(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)
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)
d	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)
	(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)
	(3) Other reserves		9d(3)
e	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... Yes No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

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

NATIONWIDE

1 NATIONWIDE PLAZA
COLUMBUS, OH 43215

31-4156830

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 19 37	RECORDKEEPER	1848	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

INTAC ACTUARIAL SERVICES INC.

11-3401702

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
17	TPA	6316	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
99	ADVISOR	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26566	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

IRON-CO-FID

26-2409128

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
99	ADVISOR	1359	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

INTAC ACTUARIAL SERVICE

22-2446239

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
17	TPA	410	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3080	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CETERA ADVISOR NETWORKS LLC	99	26566
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
NATIONWIDE 400 ROBERT STREET NORTH ST PAUL, MN 55101	COMPENSATION	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
INTAC ACTUARIAL SERVICES INC.	17	3080
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
NATIONWIDE 400 ROBERT STREET NORTH ST PAUL, MN 55101	COMPENSATION	
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

a Name: SMOLIN, LUPIN & CO., LLC	b EIN: 22-2258733
c Position: ACCOUNTANT	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation: CHANGED PLAN AUDITORS

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	92357	167916
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	40717	200
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	15800	73316
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	5732911	7145598
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	90546	977
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	0	
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)	0	
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e	0	
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	5972331	7388007
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	0	
h Operating payables.....	1h	0	
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	
j Other liabilities.....	1j	45557	33674
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	45557	33674
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	5926774	7354333

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)	176013	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	1159666	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	47925	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1383604
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)	2555	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		2555
(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)		
(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)		
(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)		863991
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		2250150

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	775462	
(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)		775462
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		33674
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	13455	
(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)		13455
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		822591

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1427559
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: **TOOLE KATZ & ROEMERSMA, LLP**

(2) EIN: **47-1767422**

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:

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a	X		97984
4b		X	
4c		X	
4d		X	
4e	X		500000
4f		X	
4g		X	
4h		X	
4i	X		
4j		X	
4k		X	
4l		X	
4m		X	
4n			

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 CARTER FUNDS LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CARTER FUNDS LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-2529306	

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): 31-4156830

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	3	
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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 Q702814A.

CARTER FUNDS, LLC 401(K) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Including Independent Auditors' Report

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023
and for the Year Ended December 31, 2024

CARTER FUNDS, LLC 401(K) PLAN

Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator of
Carter Funds, LLC 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Carter Funds, LLC 401(k) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of Carter Funds, LLC 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certification 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 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (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 Carter Funds, LLC 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Carter Funds, LLC 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Carter Funds, LLC 401(k) Plan 's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Carter Funds, LLC 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matters

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024 and Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024, 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 audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental 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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental 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)(C).

Auditors' Report on the 2023 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2023 financial statements of Carter Funds, LLC 401(k) Plan. 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, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 7, 2024 indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2023 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2023 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2023 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2023 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Toole Katz & Roemmersma, LLP

Arlington, Virginia
September 29, 2025

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 7,145,598	\$ 5,732,911
Investments, at contract value	977	90,546
Total Investments	7,146,575	5,823,457
Receivables		
Employers' contributions	167,916	92,357
Participants' contributions	200	40,717
Notes receivable from participants	73,316	15,800
Total other assets	241,432	148,874
Total Assets	7,388,007	5,972,331
Liabilities		
Excess contributions payable	33,674	45,557
Total Liabilities	33,674	45,557
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 7,354,333	\$ 5,926,774

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Additions	
Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 863,991
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Total investment income	863,991
Interest, notes receivable from participants	2,555
Contributions:	
Employer	176,013
Participants	1,159,666
Rollovers	47,925
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Total contributions	1,383,604
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Total additions from net assets	2,250,150
Deductions	
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	809,136
Administrative expenses	13,455
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Total deductions from net assets	822,591
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Net Increase	1,427,559
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Net Assets Available for Benefits, beginning of year	5,926,774
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Net Assets Available for Benefits, end of year	\$ 7,354,333

See accompanying notes.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Carter Funds, LLC 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document or Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - Effective January 1, 2018, Carter Multifamily Fund Management Company, LLC (the "Company") established the Plan, a defined contribution plan that covers eligible employees who elect to participate in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The Management Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Plan's employees. The Plan's custodian and record keeper is Nationwide Trust Company, FSB ("Nationwide").

Full-time employees who attained the age of 21 and have completed 500 hours of service during the first 6 months of employment or a year of service are eligible to participate in the Plan. Employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement, non-resident aliens, and leased employees are not eligible to participate.

Part time employees must complete a year of service with at least 1,000 hours to be eligible to participate in the Plan. The enrollment dates are the first day of the first, fourth, seventh, and tenth months coinciding with or following the date of eligibility. All eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan with a 3 percent deferral of compensation unless the employee makes a contrary election.

Contributions - Each year, participants may contribute their pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, up to the maximum allowable under the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan allows for catch up contributions in a taxable year if the participant will be at least age 50 by the end of the year. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. The Plan also allows for qualified after-tax Roth deferrals and Roth rollovers.

The Plan provides a discretionary match. For the year ended December 31, 2024 the Company provided an annual discretionary profit-sharing contribution. The discretionary profit-sharing contribution was on average 1 percent of plan compensation and totaled \$167,916.

Rollovers - The Plan accepts rollover contributions from qualified defined benefit or contribution plans.

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's contributions, plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants may direct the investment of their account balances into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching contributions is based on years of continuous service. The vesting schedule for employer matching contributions is as follows:

<u>Vesting Percentage</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
25%	1
50%	2
60%	3
80%	4
100%	5

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN - CONTINUED

Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from their vested account balance a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. Loans must be repaid in equal installments consisting of principal and interest over a period not to exceed five years, unless the loan is used to purchase a primary residence, in which case the loan may be payable within 10 years or such longer period that is commensurate with the repayment period permitted by commercial lenders for similar loans. The loans are collateralized by the participant's vested account balance and bear interest at a rate of 1 percent in excess of the prime rate. Interest rates ranged from 8.75 percent to 9.50 percent and 6.50 percent to 9.00 percent at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Excess Contributions Payable - Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. The Plan distributed the 2024 and 2023 excess contributions to the applicable participants on February 24, 2025 and March 8, 2024, respectively.

Payment of Benefits - Upon termination of service, death, or retirement, participants may elect to receive their benefits as a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, receive a series of monthly payments, or continue to maintain the balance of the Plan. If no election is made for balances below \$5,000, the plan administrator may automatically rollover the vested balance into an individual retirement account. The Plan provides that once an individual, either active or terminated, reaches the age of 59.5, he or she is entitled to withdraw any part of their vested account. Additionally, under certain circumstances of financial hardship, the participant is allowed to withdraw funds from the Plan.

Forfeitures - Forfeitures from non-vested participant accounts are generally used to reduce future Company contributions or to pay for certain plan expenses. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$17,823 and \$15,226 respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2024, \$17,823 of forfeitures were used to offset \$20,573 of employer contributions.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting - The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates - The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities to net assets and deductions from net assets. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, except for the guaranteed investment contract, which is stated at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Notes Receivable from Participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. If a participant ceases to make loan payments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits are recorded when paid. Amounts allocated to participants who have chosen to withdraw from the Plan but who have not yet been paid are not recorded as a liability but are disclosed. There are no unpaid distributions at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Expenses - The Company pays certain administrative expenses associated with the administration of the Plan. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events - The Plan has evaluated all events and transactions that occurred after December 31, 2024, for potential recognition or disclosure through September 29, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S QUALIFIED INSTITUTION

Investment assets, transactions, income and notes receivable from participants, as presented in the accompanying financial statements, were certified by Nationwide Trust Company, FSB to be complete and accurate as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2024.

NOTE 4 - GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACT

The Plan entered into a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Nationwide Life Insurance Company totaling \$977 and \$90,546 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Nationwide Life Insurance Company maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 0 percent. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

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 Nationwide Life Insurance Company, 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 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.

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NOTE 4 - GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACT - CONTINUED

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA (5) premature termination of the contract. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and 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. Such events include (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (2) a breach of material obligation under the contract, (3) a material misrepresentation, and (4) a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of the issuer.

NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS MEASURED USING THE NET ASSET PER SHARE PRACTICAL EXPEDIENT

Investments at fair value held by the Plan consist of investments in registered investment companies ("RIC"). The following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis. There have been no changes in the methodology used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Registered Investment Company - Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of units of the RIC. The NAV 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 RIC less its liabilities. Each RIC invests primarily in a single mutual fund. The investment manager has unitized these investments and unit values are based on the daily value of the mutual funds minus any applicable fees. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the RIC, 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.

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient - The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The investments are grouped according to the investment's significant investment strategy. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

	Fair Value 2024	Fair Value 2023	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Registered Investment Companies:					
Balanced (1)	\$ 4,025,492	\$ 3,248,560	\$ -	Immediate	None
Bonds (2)	117,940	80,620	-	Immediate	None
International Stocks (3)	238,148	270,488	-	Immediate	None
Large-Cap Stocks (4)	2,066,181	1,539,519	-	Immediate	None
Mid-Cap Stocks (5)	292,394	246,009	-	Immediate	None
Small-Cap Stocks (6)	296,354	258,163	-	Immediate	None
Specialty (7)	109,089	89,552	-	Immediate	None
Investments measured at net asset value	\$ 7,145,598	\$ 5,732,911			

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NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS MEASURED USING THE NET ASSET PER SHARE PRACTICAL EXPEDIENT - CONTINUED

Investment Strategies provided by Nationwide:

- (1) Balanced - A diversified mix of stocks and bonds. These funds generally seek to conserve principal, pay current income, and promote long-term growth.
- (2) Bonds - A debt security issued by a governmental agency or corporation, which guarantees to repay money loans by the investor by a specific date, in addition to fixed interest payments.
- (3) International Stocks - Shares of ownership in corporations headquartered outside of the U.S. Generally, this classification includes any mutual fund that invests no more than 49 percent in U.S. markets.
- (4) Large-Cap Stocks - Shares of ownership in corporations with market capitalization value over \$10 billion. These are larger, established, well-known, profitable companies.
- (5) Mid-Cap Stocks - Shares of ownership in corporations with market capitalization value between \$2 billion and \$10 billion.
- (6) Small-Cap Stocks - Shares of ownership in corporations with market capitalization value between \$300 million and \$2 billion. Generally, they have higher growth potential than large or mid-cap stocks but are also more volatile.
- (7) Specialty - An all-encompassing class of mutual funds which do not neatly fall into other mutual fund classifications. Specialty funds tend to focus on a specific segment of the economy, such as foreign real estate or employer stock.

NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Nationwide, the Plan's custodian and recordkeeper, issues and manages certain plan investments. Nationwide, Intac Actuarial Services, the Plan's third-party administrator, and Allied Wealth Partners, the Plan's investment advisor, are paid from Plan assets. As such, transactions with these parties qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 7 - 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 remain 100 percent vested in their accounts.

NOTE 8 - NONEXEMPT TRANSACTIONS

As report on Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions, certain participant contributions were not remitted to the Plan within the time frame specified by the Department of Labor's Regulation 29 CFR 2510.3-102, thus constituting nonexempt transactions between the Plan and the Company during the 2024 Plan year. The Company has calculated the lost earnings that would have been credited to participants' accounts if the late remittances had been made on a timely basis and has contributed the lost earnings and late remittances, which totaled \$98,358, to the Plan.

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NOTE 9 - TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Nationwide Trust Company prototype profit sharing plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and has informed the plan administrator of such in a letter dated June 30, 2020. Although the Plan has been amended since the date of this opinion letter, the plan administrator and the Plan's counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

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 tax position that more likely than not would be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. It is the Plan's policy to recognize interest and/or penalties related to uncertain tax positions, if any, in income tax expense. 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 to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the 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 administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

NOTE 10 - RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

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Supplemental Schedule
 Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

EIN: 84-2529306
 Plan No. 001

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan	Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Total That Constitutes Non-Exempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program and PTE 2002-51
		Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program	Contributions Pending Correction in Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program	
\$ 97,984		\$ -	\$ 98,358	\$ -	\$ -

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

December 31, 2024

EIN: 84-2529306

Plan No. 001

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party		Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral par, or maturity value	Cost	Current value
*	Nationwide Select Fixed Contract	Guaranteed Investment Contract	(1)	\$ 977
	American Funds 2010 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	4,080
	American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	136,999
	American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	213,141
	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	925,280
	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	411,165
	American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	367,271
	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	216,060
	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	816,598
	American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	513,674
	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	183,009
	American Funds 2065 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	238,213
	American Funds EUPAC R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	8,539
	American Funds Inflation Linked Bd R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	1,100
	American Funds New World R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	26,626
	Calvert Equity I	Registered Investment Company	(1)	455,953
	Federated Hermes Govt Obl Premier	Registered Investment Company	(1)	17,823
	Fidelity 500 Index	Registered Investment Company	(1)	4,956
	Guggenheim Total Return Bond Instl	Registered Investment Company	(1)	82,891
	JPMorgan U.S. GARP Equity R5	Registered Investment Company	(1)	785,571
	MFS Intl Diversification R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	202,983
	Principal Real Estate Securities Inst	Registered Investment Company	(1)	104,766
	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company	(1)	11,603
	Vanguard Information Technology Idx Adm	Registered Investment Company	(1)	1,522
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company	(1)	292,394
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	(1)	296,354
	Vanguard Total Intl Bd Idx Admiral	Registered Investment Company	(1)	16,126
	Vanguard Total Stock Mkt Idx Inv	Registered Investment Company	(1)	610,427
	Vanguard Windsor™ II Admiral	Registered Investment Company	(1)	197,671
	Rydex NASDAQ-100 2x Strategy H	Registered Investment Company	(1)	696
	Rydex S&P 500 2x Strategy H	Registered Investment Company	(1)	674
	Fidelity Select Semiconductors	Registered Investment Company	(1)	1,433
				7,146,575
*	Participant loans	Interest rates range from 8.75% to 9.50%, various maturities through December 2029	(1)	73,316
				\$ 7,219,891

* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

(1) Cost information has been omitted as Plan assets are participant-directed

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

December 31, 2024

EIN: 84-2529306

Plan No. 001

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral par, or maturity value	Cost	Current value	
* Nationwide Select Fixed Contract	Guaranteed Investment Contract	(1)	\$ 977	
American Funds 2010 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	4,080	
American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	136,999	
American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	213,141	
American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	925,280	
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MFS Intl Diversification R6	Registered Investment Company	(1)	202,983	
Principal Real Estate Securities Inst	Registered Investment Company	(1)	104,766	
Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company	(1)	11,603	
Vanguard Information Technology Idx Adm	Registered Investment Company	(1)	1,522	
Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company	(1)	292,394	
Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	(1)	296,354	
Vanguard Total Intl Bd Idx Admiral	Registered Investment Company	(1)	16,126	
Vanguard Total Stock Mkt Idx Inv	Registered Investment Company	(1)	610,427	
Vanguard Windsor™ II Admiral	Registered Investment Company	(1)	197,671	
Rydex NASDAQ-100 2x Strategy H	Registered Investment Company	(1)	696	
Rydex S&P 500 2x Strategy H	Registered Investment Company	(1)	674	
Fidelity Select Semiconductors	Registered Investment Company	(1)	1,433	
			7,146,575	
* Participant loans	Interest rates range from 8.75% to 9.50%, various maturities through December 2029	(1)	73,316	
			\$ 7,219,891	

* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

(1) Cost information has been omitted as Plan assets are participant-directed