

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: OTJ ARCHITECTS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2022
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): OTJ ARCHITECTS INC
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 52-1698957
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 202-621-1000
2d Business code (see instructions): 541400

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	239
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)	231
	6a(2)	204
	6b	0
	6c	24
	6d	228
	6e	0
	6f	228
	6g(1)	163
6g(2)	227	
6h	24	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2I 3I 2P 2Q

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- (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 0
- (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 _____

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan OTJ ARCHITECTS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 OTJ ARCHITECTS INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1698957

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	1500	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	1564
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	3850000	2910000
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	3851500	2911564
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h	1500	1500
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	13985530	16561951
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	13987030	16563451
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	-10135530	-13651887

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)	768390	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		768390
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	64	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		64
(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)	-940000	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		-171546

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	5888	
(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)		5888
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		280997
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	3057926	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		3057926
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		3344811

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-3516357
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: **SC&H ATTEST SERVICES, P.C.**

(2) EIN: **52-1743645**

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		1000000
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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan <u>OTJ ARCHITECTS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>OTJ ARCHITECTS INC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1698957</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): _____

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

**OTJ ARCHITECTS, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**Financial Statements
Together with Independent Auditors' Report**

**As of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustee and Participants of the
OTJ Architects, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan:

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the OTJ Architects, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Basis for Opinion

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that 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 that may become due to such participants.



Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

Report on Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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

SC & H Attest Services, P.C.

October 7, 2025

**OTJ ARCHITECTS, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits
As of December 31, 2024**

	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Assets			
Cash	\$ 1,564	\$ -	\$ 1,564
Investments, at Fair Value	569,332	2,340,668	2,910,000
Total Assets	570,896	2,340,668	2,911,564
Liabilities			
Due to Company	1,500	-	1,500
Note Payable to the Company	-	16,561,951	16,561,951
Total Liabilities	1,500	16,561,951	16,563,451
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 569,396	\$ (14,221,283)	\$ (13,651,887)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**OTJ ARCHITECTS, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits
As of December 31, 2023**

	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Assets			
Cash	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Investments, at Fair Value	638,532	3,211,468	3,850,000
Total Assets	640,032	3,211,468	3,851,500
Liabilities			
Due to Company	1,500	-	1,500
Note Payable to the Company	-	13,985,530	13,985,530
Total Liabilities	1,500	13,985,530	13,987,030
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 638,532	\$ (10,774,062)	\$ (10,135,530)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**OTJ ARCHITECTS, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

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

	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Attributable to:			
Company Contributions	\$ 5,888	\$ 762,502	\$ 768,390
Investment Income (Loss)			
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(155,901)	(784,099)	(940,000)
Interest income	64	-	64
Net Investment Loss	(155,837)	(784,099)	(939,936)
Allocation of 29,794 shares of common stock	86,701	(86,701)	-
Benefits Paid	5,888	-	5,888
Post-Closing ESOP Note Adjustment (Note 5)	-	3,057,926	3,057,926
Interest Expense	-	280,997	280,997
Net Decrease in Net Assets Available for Benefits	(69,136)	(3,447,221)	(3,516,357)
Net Assets Available for Benefits:			
Beginning of Year	638,532	(10,774,062)	(10,135,530)
End of Year	\$ 569,396	\$ (14,221,283)	\$ (13,651,887)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

OTJ ARCHITECTS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to the Financial Statements As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the OTJ Architects, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for complete information.

General

On March 7, 2022 (Adoption Date) OTJ Architects, Inc. (the Company) established the Plan effective January 1, 2022 (Effective Date). The Plan operates as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986, as amended (the Code), and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan is administered by an ESOP Committee (the Committee), which includes employees of the Company, and is managed by an independent Trustee.

On March 11, 2022, the Plan purchased 1,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock with a loan and holds the common stock in a trust established under the Plan. The stock was purchased at a price of \$17 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$17,000,000. During the year ending December 31, 2024, the purchase price was increased by \$3,057,926, in accordance with post-closing adjustment provisions under the terms of the purchase loan agreements, for a total aggregate purchase price of \$20,057,926 or \$20 per share (Note 5).

As the Plan makes debt payments, an appropriate percentage of stock will be allocated to eligible participant accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the IRC. The external loan is collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock and is guaranteed by the Company. The lenders have no rights against shares of common stock once they are allocated to participants in accordance with the terms of the ESOP.

Eligibility

Employees of the Company were generally eligible to participate in the Plan during the first Plan year they completed at least 1,000 hours of service over 12 consecutive months during such Plan year and attained the age of twenty-one (21). Each eligible employee who completed 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year immediately preceding the Effective Date (i.e., 2021 Plan Year), would become a participant in the Plan as of the Effective Date, provided the employee was employed by the Company on the Adoption Date. As of and after the Effective Date, each other eligible employee would become a participant in the Plan on the entry date coinciding with or next following completion of the 1,000 hours of service in the 12 consecutive month period beginning the date the employee first performs an hour of service. Entry dates into the Plan were January 1 and July 1 of each Plan year. Effective January 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to change the entry date to monthly and to only require 500 hours of service to participate in the Plan. Additionally, the eligibility computation period for purposes of computing the 500 hours of service was amended as follows: (i) the initial computation period begins with the date an employee first performs an hour of service with the employer until the employee completes 500 hours of service and (ii) the eligibility computation period after the initial computation period shall be each Plan year beginning after the employee's employment commencement date. Certain employees are ineligible to participate in the Plan including leased employees, employees whose employment terms are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, and employees who are nonresident aliens who receive no earned income (within the meaning of IRS Code section 911(d)(2)) from the employer

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN – cont’d.

Eligibility – cont’d

which constitutes income from sources within the United States (within the meaning of IRS Code section 861(a)(3)). Participants who have not completed at least 500 hours of service during such Plan year or are not employed on the last working day of a Plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of Company contributions for such year.

Contributions

The Company is obligated to make contributions to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan's dividends and interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its loan to the Company. Participants are not required or permitted to make contributions to the Plan. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, an aggregate of 195,647 and 165,853 shares, respectively, have been released and allocated to the participants due to repayment of debt, respectively. Participants are not required or permitted to make contributions to the Plan.

Participant Accounts

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

Allocations

The financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities pertaining to (a) the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock (“allocated”) and (b) stock not yet allocated to employees (“unallocated”), including shares that are committed to be released. Shares are released from collateral and become allocated generally in the period in which debt service is actually paid.

Vesting

If a participant's employment with the Company ends for any reason other than retirement, permanent disability, or death, he or she will vest in the balances in his or her account based on total years of service with the Company. Years of service a participant has accrued with the Company prior to the Effective Date of the Plan were not counted towards vesting service. Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to allow 1 year of service a participant had accrued with the Company prior to the Effective Date of the Plan to be counted towards vesting service. Participants vest 20% per year of service after 2 years of service and are 100% vested after 6 years of service.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN – cont’d.

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeitures will first be used to restore individual accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, if applicable, and at the Company's discretion, may be used to pay administrative expenses incurred by the Plan. Any remaining unused portion of forfeitures will then be used to reduce the Company contributions. Forfeitures totaled \$11,755 and \$15,284 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Payment of Benefits

Participants are eligible for retirement benefits upon the later of attaining the age of 65 or the participant's 10th anniversary of participation in the Plan, or the date the participant terminates service with the Company. An employee who reaches normal retirement age is fully vested in their account. Participants who terminate due to death or disability while performing qualified military service are fully vested in the Plan. Distributions of a participant's account may occur at the participant's or participant's beneficiary's discretion. If a participant's vested balance is below \$5,000, the benefits will be distributed in a lump-sum payment. If a participant's vested benefits are above \$5,000, the benefits will be paid in installments over a period that shall not extend beyond a period of 10 years, based on the Plan's distribution policy. The amount to be distributed is based upon the immediately preceding valuation date. Distributions are made in cash.

Voting Rights

All Company stock held by the trust is voted by the Trustee in accordance with instructions from the ESOP Committee. Participants are entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account for any vote required for the approval or disapproval of any proposed merger or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, or sale of substantially all of the assets of the business. The Trustee is not permitted to vote any allocated share for which instructions have not been given by a participant. The Trustee is required, however, to vote any unallocated shares on behalf of the collective best interests of Plan participants and beneficiaries.

Put Option

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

Plan Expenses

As provided in the Plan agreement, the ESOP Committee may direct the Trustee to pay from the trust all fees and expenses incurred by this Plan, unless the Company pays the fees and expenses. The Company paid all of the operating expenses for the Plan during the year ended December 31, 2024.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN – cont'd.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants during the annual election period for those that qualify (55 years or older and 10 years of participation in the plan). The purpose is to enable participants close to retirement to move part of the value of their investment in Company common stock into investments that are more diversified. A qualified participant may elect in writing, to receive a distribution of a portion of his or her individual account balance equal to 25%. Diversification shall only apply to a participant if the fair market value on the last day of the Plan year is greater than \$500. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a 6-year period. In each of the first 5 years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the number of shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%. Participants who elect to diversify receive distributions in cash or a transfer to another qualified plan of the Company which accepts transfers, based on the Plan's diversification policy.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions from net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Specifically, the Company's common stock held by the Plan is valued at fair value based upon an independent appraisal based on an income and market approach (Note 4). Because of the inherent uncertainties in estimating the fair value, it is reasonably possible that the estimates used will change within the near term and such changes may be material.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan investments consist primarily of the Company's common stock, which is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows, and other such techniques. Due to the level of risk associated with the investment in the common stock and to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the common stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – cont’d.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The shares of Company common stock are valued at fair value. See Note 4 for a discussion of the fair value measurements. Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Net depreciation includes the Plan’s gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments to participants are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

The Plan evaluated for disclosure any subsequent events through October 7, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined there were no material events that warrant disclosure.

3. INVESTMENTS

The Plan’s investments in common stock are presented in the following table as of December 31, 2024:

	Allocated	Unallocated
OTJ Architects, Inc.		
Common Stock		
Number of Shares	195,647	804,353
Fair Value	\$ 569,332	\$ 2,340,668
Cost	\$ 3,924,273	\$ 16,133,653

The fair value of the common shares as of December 31, 2024 was \$2.91 per share.

The Plan’s investments in common stock are presented in the following table as of December 31, 2023:

	Allocated	Unallocated
OTJ Architects, Inc.		
Common Stock		
Number of Shares	165,853	834,147
Fair Value	\$ 638,532	\$ 3,211,468
Cost	\$ 2,819,501	\$ 14,180,499

The fair value of the common shares as of December 31, 2023 was \$3.85 per share.

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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). Level 3 inputs are only used when Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value.

Interest in Company common stock: Valued based on an annual third party valuation performed by independent corporate financial analysts.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT – cont’d.

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

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Interest in Company common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,910,000	\$ 2,910,000
Total investments, at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,910,000	\$ 2,910,000

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

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Interest in Company common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,850,000	\$ 3,850,000
Total investments, at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,850,000	\$ 3,850,000

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan’s Level 3 assets for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Balance, beginning of year	\$ 3,850,000
Net depreciation in fair value of Company common stock	(940,000)
Balance, end of year	\$ 2,910,000

Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the period above are reported in net depreciation in fair value of investments in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

The Company’s common stock held by the Plan is valued at fair value based upon an independent appraisal. This appraisal was based upon the income and market approaches which is consistent with the transaction valuation. The valuation process involves the selection of an independent appraiser. Plan management accumulates the data for the appraiser from historical and projected financial information of the Company. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report that Plan management, along with the ESOP trustee, reviews in detail, discusses and approves.

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5. NOTE PAYABLE TO THE COMPANY

In March 2022, the Plan entered into a loan for \$17,000,000 with the Company to finance the Plan. Concurrently, the Company entered into seller's notes totaling \$13,000,000 and a promissory note with the Company's lender totaling \$4,000,000. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the loan to the Company was adjusted to reflect post-closing adjustments based on the final determination of working capital and earn-out provisions in 2023, as defined in the loan agreement. These adjustments resulted in a net increase of \$3,057,926 to the loan balance, as reflected in note payable to the company on the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits and the corresponding expense was recognized as a post-closing ESOP note adjustment on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Unallocated shares are collateral for the external loan. As the debt is repaid, shares are released from collateral based on the proportion of debt service paid during the year to total remaining debt service (principal and interest). This resulted in 29,794 shares being released and allocated for the Plan year ended December 31, 2024.

The agreement provides for the loan to be repaid over 30 years. The fixed interest rate of the loan is 2.14%. The balance of the note payable was \$16,561,951 and \$13,985,530 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The following is a schedule of future principal payments for the fiscal years ending December 31,:

2025	\$	564,877
2026		576,966
2027		589,313
2028		601,924
2029		614,805
Thereafter		<u>13,614,066</u>
	\$	<u>16,561,951</u>

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

The Plan invests in Company common stock. Certain accounting and administrative functions of the Plan are performed by employees of the Company at no cost to the Plan. As described in Note 1, the Company paid all Plan expenses during the year ended December 31, 2024. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules.

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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. Upon such termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the Code. In the event of Plan termination, the Trustee will pay all liabilities and expenses of the trust fund and sell shares of financed stock held in the loan suspense account to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay the loan, when applicable.

8. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has not yet obtained its determination letter from the IRS. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, prescribes a recognition threshold and a measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return as well as guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties and financial statement reporting disclosures. For these benefits to be recognized, a tax position must be more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. Given the Plan is tax exempt and has no unrelated business income, the provisions of ASC 740 do not have an impact on the Plan's financial statements. The Plan recognizes interest and penalties accrued on any unrecognized tax exposures as a component of income tax expense. The Plan does not have any amounts relating to interest and penalties as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by the IRS and Department of Labor; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE PROVIDED
PURSUANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S
RULES AND REGULATIONS

**OTJ ARCHITECTS, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

EIN#: 52-1698957

Plan #: 002

**Schedule H, Line 4i-Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)
As of December 31, 2024**

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment (including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value)	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	OTJ Architects, Inc.	Common stock	\$ 20,057,926	\$ 2,910,000

* Party in interest, as defined by ERISA

