

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

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

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

<p>1a Name of plan <u>MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.</u></p> <p><u>850 MAIN STREET</u> <u>KANSAS CITY, MO 64105</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2015</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>90-0001298</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>816-918-0267</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>236200</u></p>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2025	ZACHARY LANG
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2025	ZACHARY LANG
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	637
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)	536
	6a(2)	469
	6b	0
	6c	74
	6d	543
	6e	0
	6f	543
	6g(1)	680
6g(2)	543	
6h	49	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

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

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 0
- (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 _____
- (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 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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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

A Name of plan MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, 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 MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-0001298	

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)

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

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-0001298

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.

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	
(3) Other	1b(3)	
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	3414899
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	2887782
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	128977800	144697200
(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	132392699	147584982
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j	644379	596667
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	644379	596667
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	131748320	146988315

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)	3499352	
(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)		3499352
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	145166	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		145166
(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)	15719400	
(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		63658
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		19427576

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	4161806	
(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)		4161806
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		25775
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		4187581

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		15239995
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: RUBINBROWN LLP

(2) EIN: 43-0765316

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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A Name of plan <u>MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, 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>MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>90-0001298</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): 42-0127290

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....

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Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b	
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c	

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?..... Yes No N/A

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? Yes No N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... Increase Decrease Both No

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

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

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

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
 Yes.
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. Other. Provide explanation: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.

MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report

Administrative Committee
McCown Gordon Companies, Inc.
Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Kansas City, Missouri

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of McCown Gordon Companies, 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 statement 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 years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements 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 years then ended, 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 for 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 which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities For The Audit Of The Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

Supplemental Schedule Required By ERISA

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

Administrative Committee
McCown Gordon Companies, Inc.
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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.

RubinBrown LLP

October 6, 2025

**MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31, 2024		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Assets			
Investments - At Fair Value			
McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock	\$ 72,311,542	\$ 72,385,658	\$ 144,697,200
Money market fund	2,887,782	—	2,887,782
Total Investments - At Fair Value	75,199,324	72,385,658	147,584,982
Liabilities			
Note payable	—	596,667	596,667
Net Assets Available For Benefits	\$ 75,199,324	\$ 71,788,991	\$ 146,988,315

	December 31, 2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Assets			
Investments - At Fair Value			
McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock	\$ 58,011,697	\$ 70,966,103	\$ 128,977,800
Money market fund	3,414,899	—	3,414,899
Total Investments - At Fair Value	61,426,596	70,966,103	132,392,699
Liabilities			
Note payable	—	644,379	644,379
Net Assets Available For Benefits	\$ 61,426,596	\$ 70,321,724	\$ 131,748,320

**MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Additions To Net Assets Attributed To:			
Contributions			
Employer contributions	\$ 3,425,865	\$ 73,487	\$ 3,499,352
Participant reinstatement contributions	63,658	—	63,658
Investment income	145,166	—	145,166
Allocation of 30,727 shares of McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock, at fair value	7,229,566	—	7,229,566
Total Additions	10,864,255	73,487	10,937,742
Deduction From Net Assets Attributed To:			
Interest expense	—	25,775	25,775
Benefits paid directly to participants	4,161,806	—	4,161,806
Allocation of 30,727 shares of McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock, at fair value	—	7,229,566	7,229,566
Total Deductions	4,161,806	7,255,341	11,417,147
Net Appreciation In Fair Value Of Investments	7,070,279	8,649,121	15,719,400
Net Increase	13,772,728	1,467,267	15,239,995
Net Assets Available For Benefits - Beginning Of Year	61,426,596	70,321,724	131,748,320
Net Assets Available For Benefits - End Of Year	\$ 75,199,324	\$ 71,788,991	\$ 146,988,315

**MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Additions To Net Assets Attributed To:			
Contributions			
Employer contribution	\$ 2,581,483	\$ 73,487	\$ 2,654,970
Participant reinstatement contributions	12,247	—	12,247
Investment income	87,833	—	87,833
Allocation of 30,727 shares of McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock, at fair value	6,444,171	—	6,444,171
Total Additions	9,125,734	73,487	9,199,221
Deduction From Net Assets Attributed To:			
Interest expense	—	27,611	27,611
Benefits paid directly to participants	1,166,631	—	1,166,631
Allocation of 30,727 shares of McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock, at fair value	—	6,444,171	6,444,171
Total Deductions	1,166,631	6,471,782	7,638,413
Net Appreciation In Fair Value Of Investments	6,833,213	10,257,637	17,090,850
Net Increase	14,792,316	3,859,342	18,651,658
Net Assets Available For Benefits - Beginning Of Year	46,634,280	66,462,382	113,096,662
Net Assets Available For Benefits - End Of Year	\$ 61,426,596	\$ 70,321,724	\$ 131,748,320

**MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2024 And 2023**

1. Description Of Plan And Basis Of Presentation

The following description of McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. (the Company) established the Plan effective as of January 1, 2015 to operate as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan (ESOP). The Plan is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), as amended, and the regulations thereafter, and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Employees of the Company who have completed the lesser of 1,000 hours of service or one year of service are eligible to participate in the Plan.

Contributions

Each year, the Company may make discretionary contributions to the Plan. Contributions may be in the form of cash or Company common stock, and amounts would be allocated to participants as a percentage of gross pay as defined by the Plan. During 2024 and 2023, the Company made discretionary contributions in the amount of \$3,425,865 and \$2,581,483, respectively, to fund benefit payments to participants.

The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash 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 note payable. During 2024 and 2023, the Company made such a contribution in the amount of \$73,487 which resulted in the allocation of 30,727 shares.

MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes To Financial Statements (*Continued*)

If any terminated participant is reemployed by the Company before five consecutive one-year breaks in service and the participant received a distribution of the entire vested interest prior to reemployment, then the forfeited account is reinstated only if the participant repays the full distributed amount. Such repayment must be made before the earlier of five years after the first date on which the participant is subsequently reemployed by the Company or the close of the first period of five consecutive one-year breaks in service commencing after the distribution. If the participant does not repay the full distributed amount, then the undistributed forfeited portion of the participant's account must be restored in full. During 2024 and 2023, reinstated participant contributions were \$63,658 and \$12,247, respectively.

Other employee contributions are not permitted.

Borrowings

During 2015, the Plan purchased 377 shares from owners of the Company at an aggregate purchase price of \$1,000,000 using the proceeds of borrowings from the Company (Note 5). Subsequent to the purchase, the stock was split which resulted in the Plan holding 615,000 shares, which are held in a trust established under the Plan.

The borrowings are collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock. The Company has no rights against shares once they are allocated under the Plan. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

- a) The accounts of participants with allocated common stock (Allocated), and
- b) Common stock not yet allocated to participants (Unallocated).

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with an allocation of (a) the Company's contribution, (b) S Corporation distributions, (c) Plan earnings, and (d) forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts.

In any Plan year that a participant who has shares of Company stock in their Company stock account who has terminated employment with the Company prior to the beginning of such Plan year, the Plan Administrator may exchange the shares of Company stock held in the inactive participant's Company stock account in exchange for cash equal to the fair market value of the participant's Company stock.

MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes To Financial Statements (*Continued*)

Vesting

Participants' balances vest at the rate of 20% for each year beginning the second year of vesting service in the Plan with 100% vesting at the end of six years.

Forfeitures

Forfeited nonvested accounts are allocated and credited to eligible participants as of the last day of the Plan year.

Payment Of Benefits

Generally, no distributions from the Plan are paid until a participant retires, dies or otherwise terminates employment with the Company. Distributions are made in a lump sum in cash or substantially equal periodic payments not to exceed five years unless adjusted by the Code for additional payments not to exceed five additional years. The mandatory distribution threshold is \$5,000.

The Plan adopted provisions of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act (SECURE Act). If the distributee of a deceased participant's account is a designated beneficiary who is not an eligible designated beneficiary, then the Plan will distribute the account in full no later than December 31 of the 10th year following the year of the participant's death. If an eligible designated beneficiary dies before receiving distribution of the beneficiary's entire interest in the participant's account, the Plan will distribute that interest in full no later than December 31 of the 10th year following the year of the eligible designated beneficiary's death.

Effective January 1, 2024, an amendment to the Plan modified the minimum installment threshold and lump-sum distribution threshold from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and provide for eligibility to receive a single lump-sum distribution of a vested account balance, in the year following the full segregation of an account balance from stock to cash.

Voting Rights

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account and is notified by TI-TRUST, Inc., the Trustee, prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The Trustee shall vote all shares held by it as part of the Plan assets at such time and in such manner as the Plan Administrator shall direct. The Trustee is required to vote any unallocated shares and any allocated shares as to which no voting instructions have been received in accordance with the Plan Administrator's direction, subject to the Trustee's fiduciary responsibilities under ERISA.

MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes To Financial Statements (*Continued*)

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 current value of the stock. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company common stock into other investments. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the number of post-1986 shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%.

Administration

The Plan is administered by the Administrative Committee. The Committee consists of members appointed by the Company's Board of Directors. Except as provided by the Plan, Company common stock owned by the Plan is voted by TI-TRUST, Inc. Significant Plan expenses are paid by the Company.

2. Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis Of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Estimates And Assumptions

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, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions to and deductions from net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

MCCOWN GORDON COMPANIES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes To Financial Statements (*Continued*)

Investment Valuation And Revenue Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair 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 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Benefit Payments

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

Management evaluates subsequent events through the date the financial statements were available for issue, which is the date of the Independent Auditors' Report.

3. Investments

Investments consist of the following at December 31, 2024:

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>
McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock		
Number of shares	307,342	307,658
Cost	\$ 499,742	\$ 500,258
At estimated fair value	\$ 72,311,542	\$ 72,385,658
Money market fund	2,887,782	—
	<u>\$ 75,199,324</u>	<u>\$ 72,385,658</u>

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Investments consist of the following at December 31, 2023:

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>
McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock		
Number of shares	276,615	338,385
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Cost	\$ 449,779	\$ 550,221
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At estimated fair value	\$ 58,011,697	\$ 70,966,103
Money market fund	3,414,899	—
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	\$ 61,426,596	\$ 70,966,103
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4. Fair Value Measurements

The Plan utilizes an established framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the standards 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.

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

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

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value:

McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. Common Stock

The fair value of McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock held by the Plan is valued at fair market value based upon an independent appraisal. This appraisal is based upon income and market approaches, using a discounted cash flow valuation technique, as well as the guideline public company method and merger and acquisition method.

The valuation process involves the Trustee's selection of an independent appraiser (the Appraiser). The Appraiser will make reviews, analyses, and inquiries that are deemed necessary and appropriate to express an opinion on the fair market value of the common stock held by the Plan. Among the information obtained by the Appraiser are audited financial statements, forecasts and projections prepared by the Company's management. The Appraiser prepares a written report which the Trustee reviews in detail, discusses with the Appraiser and approves.

Money Market Fund

Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. The money market fund held by the Plan is an open-end investment company that is registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. This fund is required to publish its daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The money market fund held by the Plan is deemed to be actively traded.

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

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments, At Fair Value:				
McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 144,697,200	\$ 144,697,200
Money market fund	2,887,782	—	—	2,887,782
Total Investments At Fair Value	\$ 2,887,782	\$ —	\$ 144,697,200	\$ 147,584,982

	December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments, At Fair Value:				
McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 128,977,800	\$ 128,977,800
Money market fund	3,414,899	—	—	3,414,899
Total Investments At Fair Value	\$ 3,414,899	\$ —	\$ 128,977,800	\$ 132,392,699

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 asset for the years ended December 31:

	2024	2023
McCown Gordon Companies, Inc Common Stock		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 128,977,800	\$ 111,886,950
Unrealized gains relating to investments still held at the reporting date	15,719,400	17,090,850
Balance, end of year	\$ 144,697,200	\$ 128,977,800

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Information About Significant Unobservable Inputs Used In Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table sets forth the basic assumption used in arriving at fair value and the range of value for unobservable inputs:

Instrument	Fair Value		Principle Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Inputs
	2024	2023		
McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. common stock	\$ 144,697,200	\$ 128,977,800	Income Approach <i>Discounted Cash Flow</i> <i>Method</i>	Earnings and cash flow stream Discount rate Premium for control Discount for lack of marketability
			Market Approach <i>Public Company Method</i> <i>and Merger and Acquisition</i> <i>Method</i>	Revenues of comparable public companies Revenue multiples Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization multiples

There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

5. Note Payable

The Plan is allowed to enter into acquisition loans to finance the purchase of Company common stock that consists of newly issued shares, outstanding shares held by the Company, or outstanding shares held by a shareholder or for the repayment of a prior acquisition loan. In 2015, the Plan entered into a \$1,000,000 loan agreement with the Company. The proceeds of the loan were used to purchase Company common stock from existing shareholders. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. The agreement provides for the loan to be repaid over twenty years. The loan bears interest at a rate of 4%. Principal and interest payments of \$73,487 are due annually on the 15th day of December with final payment due December 15, 2034 (Note 6).

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The scheduled maturities of the note payable at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 49,621
2026	51,606
2027	53,670
2028	55,817
2029	58,049
Thereafter	327,904
	<u>\$ 596,667</u>

6. Related Party And Party In Interest Transactions

The Plan invests in Company common stock and has a note payable to the Company. These are related party and party in interest transactions allowable under ERISA.

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 become 100% vested in their accounts. Upon termination of the Plan, the Administrative Committee directs the Trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the Plan and to sell shares of financed common stock held as collateral to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay the note payable. Subsequently, 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.

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8. Income Tax Status

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on July 26, 2016, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as designed, met the applicable requirements of the Code. The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan. Management evaluated the Plan's tax positions and concluded that the Plan had maintained its tax exempt status and had taken no uncertain tax positions that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Therefore, no provision or liability for income taxes has been included in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits in progress for any tax periods.

9. Risks And Uncertainties

The Plan investments consist primarily of Company 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 Company common stock and to uncertainties inherent in estimates and assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of Company common stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Supplemental Schedule

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**E.I.N.: 90-0001298 PLAN: 002
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR
December 31, 2024**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity Of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor Or Similar Party	Description Of Investment	Shares Or Par Value	Cost	Current Value
Common Stock				
*	McCown Gordon Companies, Inc.	McCown Gordon Companies, Inc. Common Stock	615,000	\$ 1,000,000
			\$	144,697,200
Money Market Fund				
	Federated Investors	Government Obligations Tax-Managed Fund	2,887,782	2,887,782
			\$	3,887,782
			\$	147,584,982

* Indicates a party in interest.

The above information is a required disclosure for IRS Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, line 4i.