

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

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, a single-employer plan, a DFE, etc.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report, etc.
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, etc.
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: KWEST HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2019
2a Plan sponsor's name, mailing address, city or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 84-3974050
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 419-460-5036
2d Business code (see instructions): 237990

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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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	327
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	294
	<b>6a(2)</b>	263
	<b>6b</b>	1
	<b>6c</b>	23
	<b>6d</b>	287
	<b>6e</b>	2
	<b>6f</b>	289
	<b>6g(1)</b>	252
<b>6g(2)</b>	283	
<b>6h</b>	18	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

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

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> 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)

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**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

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**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.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>KWEST HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>002</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>KWEST HOLDINGS, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>84-3974050</b>

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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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
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	159	159
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	4138838	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>		
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>		
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	552500	8155000
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	4691497	8155159
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	79021482	73047734
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	753613	37
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	79775095	73047771
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	-75083598	-64892612

**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.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	3452381	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		3452381
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>		
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		0
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		0
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	7602500	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		11054881

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	4680	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		4680
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		859215
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		0
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		863895

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		10190986
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP

(2) EIN: 41-0746749

**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
<b>a</b> 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>b</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	
<b>c</b> 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	
<b>d</b> 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	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		1000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> 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	
<b>h</b> 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	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> 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	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> 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.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  ▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>KWEST HOLDINGS, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-3974050</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

**1** Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... 

1		0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
EIN(s): 33-6134835

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

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

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (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.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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).....	<b>6c</b>	

**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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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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

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (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

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(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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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**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:

<b>a</b> 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).....	<b>14a</b>	
<b>b</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).....	<b>14b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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).....	<b>14c</b>	

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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.....	<b>16b</b>	

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**K. WEST HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE  
STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
ERISA-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Administrative Committee and Plan Participants  
K. West Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan  
Perrysburg, Ohio

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of K. West Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets (deficit) available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets (deficit) available for benefits for the years then ended, 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 (deficit) available for benefits of K. West Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets (deficit) 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 audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of K. West Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our 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 K. West Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

***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) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to 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 GAAS.

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

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

*CliftonLarsonAllen LLP*

**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Maumee, Ohio  
October 2, 2025

**K. WEST HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024			2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>						
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	\$ 159	\$ -	\$ 159	\$ 159	\$ -	\$ 159
<b>EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RECEIVABLE</b>	-	-	-	-	4,138,838	4,138,838
<b>INVESTMENTS (AT ESTIMATED FAIR VALUE)</b>						
K. West Holdings, Inc. Common Stock	1,804,590	6,350,410	8,155,000	89,143	463,357	552,500
Total Assets	1,804,749	6,350,410	8,155,159	89,302	4,602,195	4,691,497
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
<b>DISTRIBUTION PAYABLE</b>	37	-	37	37	-	37
<b>ACCRUED INTEREST</b>	-	-	-	-	753,576	753,576
<b>NOTE PAYABLE</b>	-	73,047,734	73,047,734	-	79,021,482	79,021,482
Total Liabilities	37	73,047,734	73,047,771	37	79,775,058	79,775,095
<b>NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u>\$ 1,804,712</u>	<u>\$ (66,697,324)</u>	<u>\$ (64,892,612)</u>	<u>\$ 89,265</u>	<u>\$ (75,172,863)</u>	<u>\$ (75,083,598)</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**K. WEST HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024			2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
<b>ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTED TO:</b>						
Net Appreciation in Estimated Fair Value of K. West Holdings, Inc. Common Stock	\$ 1,474,365	\$ 6,128,135	\$ 7,602,500	\$ 52,688	\$ 342,312	\$ 395,000
Employer Contributions	4,680	3,447,701	3,452,381	1,955	7,710,953	7,712,908
Allocation of 14,985.3 and 6,988.8 Shares of Employer Common Stock as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, at Estimated Fair Value	<u>241,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241,082</u>	<u>15,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,445</u>
Total Additions	1,720,127	9,575,836	11,295,963	70,088	8,053,265	8,123,353
<b>DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTED TO:</b>						
Benefit Payments	4,680	-	4,680	975	-	975
Interest Expense	-	859,215	859,215	-	2,444,443	2,444,443
Administrative Expense	-	-	-	979	-	979
Allocation of 14,985.3 and 6,988.8 Shares of Employer Common Stock as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, at Estimated Fair Value	<u>-</u>	<u>241,082</u>	<u>241,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,445</u>	<u>15,445</u>
Total Deductions	<u>4,680</u>	<u>1,100,297</u>	<u>1,104,977</u>	<u>1,954</u>	<u>2,459,888</u>	<u>2,461,842</u>
<b>NET INCREASE</b>	1,715,447	8,475,539	10,190,986	68,134	5,593,377	5,661,511
<b>NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>						
Beginning of Year	<u>89,265</u>	<u>(75,172,863)</u>	<u>(75,083,598)</u>	<u>21,131</u>	<u>(80,766,240)</u>	<u>(80,745,109)</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 1,804,712</u>	<u>\$ (66,697,324)</u>	<u>\$ (64,892,612)</u>	<u>\$ 89,265</u>	<u>\$ (75,172,863)</u>	<u>\$ (75,083,598)</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**K. WEST HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of K. West Holdings, 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**

K. West Holdings, Inc. (the Company) established the Plan effective as of January 1, 2019. The Plan covers substantially all employees of the Company who have completed one year of service and attained nineteen years of age. The Plan operates as an internally leveraged employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the Code) and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Plan is administered by the plan trustee.

The Plan purchased 250,000 shares of Company common stock using the proceeds of a loan in the amount of \$92,490,078 from the Company, and holds the stock in a trust established under the Plan (the Trust). The Company used both seller and bank financed loans to finance the loan to the Plan. The borrowing is to be repaid over a period of 35 years by Company contributions to the trust fund. As the Plan makes payments of principal, an appropriate percentage of shares of Company common stock are allocated to eligible participants' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Code. Shares are allocated to participants' accounts annually as of the plan year-end. Allocated shares vest based upon a graduated vesting schedule of 20% per year after two years, with full vesting after six years of credited service.

The borrowings are collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock and are guaranteed by the Company. The lender has no rights against shares once they are allocated to participants in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

- (a) The accounts of employees with rights in allocated common stock (Allocated) and
- (b) Common stock not yet allocated to employees (Unallocated)

**Participant Accounts**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. The accounts are 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' nonvested accounts. Certain allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation, as defined. Plan earnings or losses are allocated based on each participant's share of the investment at the beginning of the year, less distributions and withdrawals during the year.

**K. WEST HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**  
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**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Contributions**

Each year, the Company may contribute to the Plan an amount as determined annually by the Company's Board of Directors. Contributions may be in the form of shares of common stock or cash. Contributions for each year are never less than the amount required to enable the Plan to discharge its current obligations. In order to receive an allocation of Company contributions, a participant must complete 1,000 hours of service in a Plan year and be employed on the last day of the Plan year unless termination is due to death, disability or retirement. Retirement under the Plan means age 65. Contributions by Plan participants are not permitted by the Plan. Contributions are subject to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

**Vesting**

Vesting of participants' accounts is based on years of credited service in the Plan. A participant's account becomes fully vested after six years of credited service in the Plan, under a graded vesting schedule. Notwithstanding the above, participants shall, however, become 100% vested upon attaining normal retirement (age 65), their death, or disability.

**Voting Rights**

The trustee will vote all Company stock allocated to the participant accounts as part of the Plan assets. Participants are entitled to direct the trustee in confidence to vote the shares of Company stock allocated to their Company Stock Account with respect to the approval or disapproval of certain corporate mergers or consolidations, the re-capitalization or re-classification of Company stock, or the liquidation, dissolution or sale of substantially all the assets of the Company. The trustee will vote the shares which have not been allocated to Company stock accounts on all other matters and on which no instructions have been received or shares on which instructions were not received in a timely or proper manner.

**Put Option**

Under federal income tax regulations, the Company 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 estimated fair market 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 investments that are more diversified. In accordance with Code section 401(a)(9), participants who have 10 years of Plan participation and who have reached age 55 are eligible to diversify a portion of the employer securities held in their ESOP accounts. Participants will be eligible to diversify following the December 31, 2028 Plan year end.

**K. WEST HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**  
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**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Distributions**

Distributions from the Plan will be made after a participant retires, dies, becomes disabled, or otherwise terminates employment. If a participant terminates employment and the participant's vested account balance does not exceed \$1,000, the Plan administrator will authorize the benefit payment in the form of a lump sum. If the vested balance is greater than \$1,000, distribution of the account requires participant consent. The Plan does not allow for in-service withdrawals of a participant's account.

**Liquidation of Company Stock Accounts**

If a participant terminates employment with the Company and does not consent to a distribution of the account, the shares of Company stock held in the Plan and subject to distribution, may be liquidated into cash (to the extent there is sufficient cash available for such purpose) and transferred to a Liquidated Stock Account (a sub-account of the ESOP Account), subject to Plan provisions. Shares of Company stock will be liquidated based on the fair market value of such shares as of the December 31 accounting date preceding such liquidation date. If there is insufficient cash to liquidate all Company stock eligible for liquidation in any Plan year, the Administrative Committee will direct the trustee to liquidate a prorata portion of all such Company Stock Accounts eligible for liquidation. Amounts transferred to the Liquidated Stock Account will be invested by the trustee until such amounts are distributed.

**NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator 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. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Allocations**

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

**Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition**

The Plan's investments are reported at estimated 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 fair value of investments.

**K. WEST HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN  
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**NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition (Continued)**

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

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

**Administrative Expenses**

As provided in the Plan agreement, administrative expenses may be paid either by the Plan or by the Company. The Company has historically paid the administrative expenses on behalf of the Plan.

**Forfeitures**

Nonvested account balances become forfeitures when vested balances are distributed or deemed distributed. Forfeitures are allocated to participants in the same manner as contributions. There were approximately 1,014 and 1,297 shares forfeited and allocated to participant accounts for the Plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. There were no forfeited nonvested accounts to be allocated to participant accounts in future years as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

**Subsequent Events**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 2, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 3 INVESTMENT IN COMPANY STOCK**

The Plan invests in Company common stock, which is held by the trustee of the Plan. The estimated fair market value, as determined by independent appraisal as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$32.62 and \$2.21 per share, respectively. During the Plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, 14,986.3 and 6,988.8 shares, respectively, were released and allocated to participants.

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**NOTE 3 INVESTMENT IN COMPANY STOCK (CONTINUED)**

The following table presents the investment in K. West Holdings, Inc. common stock as of December 31:

	2024			2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
K. West Holdings, Inc. Common Stock:						
Number of Shares	55,322	194,678	250,000	40,336	209,664	250,000
Cost	\$ 20,466,777	\$ 72,023,301	\$ 92,490,078	\$ 14,922,707	\$ 77,567,371	\$ 92,490,078
Market (at Estimated Fair Value)	\$ 1,804,590	\$ 6,350,410	\$ 8,155,000	\$ 89,143	\$ 463,357	\$ 552,500

**NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS**

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

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

*Level 2* – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- 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 assets or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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

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**NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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

*K. West Holdings, Inc. Common Stock:* The estimated fair value of the common stock held by the Plan is valued at fair value based on an independent third-party appraisal. This appraisal is based upon a combination of the market and income valuation techniques consistent with prior years. The appraiser took into account historical and projected cash flow and net income, return on assets, return on equity, market comparables, and estimated fair value of Company assets and liabilities.

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

		2024			
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
K. West Holdings, Inc. Common Stock (Estimated Fair Value)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,155,000	\$ 8,155,000
		2023			
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
K. West Holdings, Inc. Common Stock (Estimated Fair Value)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 552,500	\$ 552,500

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no purchases, transfers, or issuances of level 3 investments.

**NOTE 5 NOTE PAYABLE**

On January 1, 2019, the Plan entered into a \$92,490,078 term loan agreement with the Company. The proceeds of the loan were used to purchase 250,000 shares of the Company's common stock. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, there are 194,678 and 209,664 unallocated shares, respectively, which are collateral for the loan. Shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants as principal and interest payments are made.

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**NOTE 5 NOTE PAYABLE (CONTINUED)**

The Plan has a note payable related to the purchase of Company common stock on December 31 as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Note Payable - K. West Holdings, Inc. Interest at a Rate of 2.09%, Due December 31, 2053; Secured by Unallocated K. West Holdings, Inc. Common Stock Purchased with Proceeds from this Note.	<u>\$ 73,047,734</u>	<u>\$ 79,021,482</u>
Total Note Payable	<u><u>\$ 73,047,734</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 79,021,482</u></u>

The scheduled amortization of the Plan's loan for future years are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 1,857,632
2026	1,896,457
2027	1,936,093
2028	1,976,557
2029	2,017,867
Thereafter	<u>63,363,128</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 73,047,734</u></u>

**NOTE 6 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.

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**NOTE 7 RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

The Plan's assets, which consist of Company common stock, are held by the Plan's trustee. Company contributions are held and managed by the trustee, which invest cash received and make distributions to participants. The Plan invests in Company common stock and has indebtedness guaranteed by the Company. These are related party and party-in-interest transactions. As the Company is the Plan Sponsor, transactions involving Company common stock qualify as party-in-interest transactions. All of these party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

The Plan is administered by the Administrative Committee and certain administrative functions are outsourced to a third-party administrator. Certain employees of the Company are Plan trustee. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

**NOTE 8 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

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

**NOTE 9 PLAN TAX STATUS**

The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description	Cost	Current Value	
*	K. West Holdings, Inc.	Common Stock: Allocated - 55,322 Shares Unallocated - 194,678 Shares Total Common Stock	\$ 20,466,777 72,023,301 <u>\$ 92,490,078</u>	\$ 1,804,590 6,350,410 <u>\$ 8,155,000</u>

\* *Designates party-in-interest*



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