

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: HILL & MARKES, LLC 401(K) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1996
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): HILL & MARKES, LLC
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 14-0751030
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 518-842-2410
2d Business code (see instructions): 454390

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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<p><b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor</p> <p>SBSF</p> <p>3475 CORPORATE WAY, SUITE D DULUTH, GA 30096</p>	<p><b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN 27-3232902</p> <p><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number +12125642464</p>
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<p><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:</p> <p><b>a</b> Sponsor's name</p> <p><b>c</b> Plan Name</p>	<p><b>4b</b> EIN</p> <p><b>4d</b> PN</p>
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<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	214
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<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>6a(1)</b>	181
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....	<b>6a(2)</b>	165
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	<b>6b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....	<b>6c</b>	27
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....	<b>6d</b>	192
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....	<b>6e</b>	0
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....	<b>6f</b>	192
<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>6g(1)</b>	175
<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>6g(2)</b>	161
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6h</b>	16

<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	
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**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
3D 2E 2J 2K 2F 2G

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

<p><b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor</p>	<p><b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor</p>
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**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

<p><b>a Pension Schedules</b></p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____</p> <p>(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)</p>	<p><b>b General Schedules</b></p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>  2  </u></p> <p>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)</p> <p>(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)</p> <p>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)</p>
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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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<p><b>SCHEDULE A</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>HILL &amp; MARKES, LLC 401(K) PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><b>001</b></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>HILL &amp; MARKES, LLC.</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>14-0751030</b></p>	

**Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier  
**PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	633166	192	03/01/2024	12/31/2024

**2 Insurance fee and commission information.** Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

<p><b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>	<p><b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1083</p>
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

**ORENDA RETIREMENT, LLC** **3475 CORPORATE WAY, SUITE D**  
**DULUTH, GA 30096**

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	1083	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>	
	Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.	
<b>4</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	0
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	1590088
<b>6</b>	<b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>	
<b>a</b>	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
<b>b</b>	Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>
<b>c</b>	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	<b>6c</b>
<b>d</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>
<b>e</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
<b>f</b>	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>	
<b>a</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment                      (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b> 0
<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b>
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b>
	(4) Transferred from separate account .....	<b>7c(4)</b>
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶	<b>7c(5)</b>
	(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b> 0
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b> 0
<b>e</b>	<b>Deductions:</b>	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	<b>7e(1)</b>
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b>
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b>
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶	<b>7e(4)</b>
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b> 0	
<b>f</b>	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....	<b>7f</b> 0

**Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information**  
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a**  Health (other than dental or vision)
- b**  Dental
- c**  Vision
- d**  Life insurance
- e**  Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f**  Long-term disability
- g**  Supplemental unemployment
- h**  Prescription drug
- i**  Stop loss (large deductible)
- j**  HMO contract
- k**  PPO contract
- l**  Indemnity contract
- m**  Other (specify) ▶

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Premiums: (1) Amount received .....	<b>9a(1)</b>		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....	<b>9a(2)</b>		
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....	<b>9a(3)</b>		
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) .....		<b>9a(4)</b>	0
<b>b</b>	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid .....	<b>9b(1)</b>		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....	<b>9b(2)</b>		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) .....		<b>9b(3)</b>	0
	(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>	
<b>c</b>	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs .....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>		
	(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>		
	(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>		
	(G) Other retention charges .....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>		
	(H) Total retention .....		<b>9c(1)(H)</b>	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) .....		<b>9c(2)</b>	
<b>d</b>	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....		<b>9d(1)</b>	
	(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>	
	(3) Other reserves .....		<b>9d(3)</b>	
<b>e</b>	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....		<b>9e</b>	

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

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<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>HILL &amp; MARKES, LLC.</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>14-0751030</b></p>	

**Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier  
**PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	467968	192	03/01/2024	12/31/2024

**2 Insurance fee and commission information.** Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

<p><b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>	<p><b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">473</p>
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	473	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**  
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	0

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

<b>b</b> Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	<b>6c</b>	
<b>d</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>	

**e** Type of contract: (1)  individual policies (2)  group deferred annuity  
 (3)  other (specify) ▶

**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

**a** Type of contract: (1)  deposit administration (2)  immediate participation guarantee  
 (3)  guaranteed investment (4)  other ▶ CUSTODIAL GUARANTEE OPTION GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

**b** Balance at the end of the previous year ..... **7b** 961412

<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	57221	
	<b>7c(2)</b>		
	<b>7c(3)</b>	18732	
	<b>7c(4)</b>	42744	
	<b>7c(5)</b>	8230	
▶ LOAN PAYMENT			

(6) Total additions ..... **7c(6)** 126927

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) ..... **7d** 1088339

<b>e</b> Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	129758	
	<b>7e(2)</b>	2366	
	<b>7e(3)</b>		
	<b>7e(4)</b>	171	
▶ LOAN PAYMENT			

(5) Total deductions ..... **7e(5)** 132295

**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) ..... **7f** 956044

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**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a**  Health (other than dental or vision)
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- h**  Prescription drug
- i**  Stop loss (large deductible)
- j**  HMO contract
- k**  PPO contract
- l**  Indemnity contract
- m**  Other (specify) ▶

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Premiums: (1) Amount received .....	<b>9a(1)</b>		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....	<b>9a(2)</b>		
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....	<b>9a(3)</b>		
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) .....		<b>9a(4)</b>	0
<b>b</b>	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid .....	<b>9b(1)</b>		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....	<b>9b(2)</b>		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) .....		<b>9b(3)</b>	0
	(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>	
<b>c</b>	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs .....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>		
	(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>		
	(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>		
	(G) Other retention charges .....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>		
	(H) Total retention .....		<b>9c(1)(H)</b>	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) .....		<b>9c(2)</b>	
<b>d</b>	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....		<b>9d(1)</b>	
	(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>	
	(3) Other reserves .....		<b>9d(3)</b>	
<b>e</b>	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....		<b>9e</b>	

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE C</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>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <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 **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>HILL &amp; MARKES, LLC 401(K) PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>HILL &amp; MARKES, LLC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>14-0751030</b>	

**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)

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(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?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	24299	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

ORENDA RETIRMENT, LLC

36-4877979

(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?
13 50 49 99	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	5400	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3052	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

M HOLDINGS SECURITIES

91-1802259

(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?
27 99	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8232	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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
M HOLDINGS SECURITIES	27 99	8232

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  42-0127290	INVESTMENT ADVISORY(PLAN)

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
ORENDA RETIREMENT LLC	13 50 49 99	3052

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE

(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.

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>HILL &amp; MARKES, LLC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>14-0751030</u>

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN CORE PLUS BOND SEP ACCT-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-005</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>273947</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN REAL ESTATE SEC SA-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-095</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>41248</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN SAM CONS GROWTH SA-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-107</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>125728</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-120</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>255461</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRINC BLUE CHIP SA-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-133</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>827602</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN HIGH YIELD SEP ACCT-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-137</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>66121</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

**c** EIN-PN

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**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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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>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<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>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>		
<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>	224432	278729
<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>	2147589	1590088
<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>	5834331	5752408
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	961412	956044
<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>		
(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>	9167764	8577269
<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>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	9167764	8577269

**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>	128540	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	786358	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	20628	
(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>		935526
<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>	17996	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	18731	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		36727
<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>	135965	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		135965
<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>		
<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>		309071
(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>		633971
<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>		2051260

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	2612056	
(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>		2612056
<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>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>	29699	
(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>		29699
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		2641755

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		-590495
<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: MENGEL,METZGER,BARR & CO. LLP

(2) EIN: 16-1092347

**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		500000
<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>	<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 **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>HILL &amp; MARKES, LLC 401(K) PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>HILL &amp; MARKES, LLC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>14-0751030</b>	

<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..... 

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

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

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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:

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

**HILL & MARKES, LLC 401(k) PLAN**  
**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**  
**AND**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**HILL & MARKES, LLC 401(k) PLAN**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustee and Plan Administrator  
Hill & Markes, LLC 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Hill & Markes, LLC 401(k) (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### *Opinion*

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

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

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Hill & Markes, LLC 401(k) and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Hill & Markes, LLC 401(k) Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hill & Markes, LLC 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

***Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA***

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 included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

*Mengel, Metzger, Barw & Co. LLP*

Latham, NY  
October 9, 2025

**HILL & MARKES, LLC 401(k) PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS  
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 7,342,496	\$ 7,981,920
Guaranteed option account, contract value	956,044	961,412
Total Investments	<u>8,298,540</u>	<u>8,943,332</u>
 Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>278,729</u>	<u>224,432</u>
Total Receivables	<u>278,729</u>	<u>224,432</u>
 <b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	 <u>\$ 8,577,269</u>	 <u>\$ 9,167,764</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**HILL & MARKES, LLC 401(k) PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:</b>		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in value of investments	\$ 961,773	\$ 1,098,063
Interest and dividend income	135,965	126,748
Total Investment Income	<u>1,097,738</u>	<u>1,224,811</u>
Interest received on notes receivable from participants	<u>17,996</u>	<u>11,612</u>
Contributions		
Employee	786,358	862,932
Employer	128,540	143,934
Rollover	20,628	291,718
Total Contributions	<u>935,526</u>	<u>1,298,584</u>
Total Additions	<u>2,051,260</u>	<u>2,535,007</u>
<b>Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	2,612,056	2,181,712
Deemed distributions of notes receivable from participants	-	1,023
Administrative expenses and participant transaction fees	29,699	27,459
Total Deductions	<u>2,641,755</u>	<u>2,210,194</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	(590,495)	324,813
Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year	<u>9,167,764</u>	<u>8,842,951</u>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits, End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ 8,577,269</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,167,764</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**HILL & MARKES, LLC 401(k) PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

***General***

The Hill & Markes, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan) was established on January 1, 1996. The Plan is sponsored by Hill & Markes, LLC (the Company). The following brief description of the Plan is provided for general informational purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all of the employees of the Company, who are age 21 or older and who have attained six months of credit service, except those subject to collective bargaining agreements and certain nonresidential aliens. The Plan is subject to the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

***Contributions***

Each year, participants may contribute pretax annual compensation as defined in the plan document, subject to certain limitations. The maximum participant deferral for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, was \$23,000 and \$22,500, respectively, if under the age of 50. Participants age 50 and over are also permitted to make additional "catch-up" contributions with a total maximum contribution in 2024 and 2023 of \$30,500 and \$30,000, per year respectively. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions, and the Company's matching contributions, if any, into various investment options offered by the Plan.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Plan was amended to include an automatic enrollment feature. Participants entering the Plan will automatically be enrolled at 3% unless they choose to opt out of the Plan or elect to defer a different amount. There is no auto-escalation provision related to the automatic enrollment.

The Company may, at its discretion, make matching contributions once a participant meets the eligibility requirements as defined in the plan document. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company made matching contributions equal to 25% of the actual deferrals of the first 6% of eligible employees' salaries. Additionally, the Company has the option of making additional discretionary contributions. There were no additional discretionary contributions made for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

***Participant Accounts***

The Plan allows each participant to select the investments in their individual account. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's matching contribution, and discretionary contribution, if any, and allocations of (a) investment earnings and losses, and (b) administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined in the plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

*Notes Receivable from Participants*

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans must be adequately secured and made in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. The maximum length for repayment of a loan is five years unless it is for the purchase of a principal residence, in which case it can be up to fifteen years.

*Vesting*

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings or losses thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching contribution and non-elective portions of their accounts is based on years of continuous service and is the earlier of the vesting schedule below or plan termination, the occurrence of normal retirement age (65), or death or disability.

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percent Vested</u>
Less than 2	0%
2 but less than 3	20%
3 but less than 4	40%
4 but less than 5	60%
5 but less than 6	80%
6 or more	100%

*Forfeited Accounts*

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$36,991 and \$15,356, respectively. These accounts may be used to pay for plan expenses or reduce future employer contributions. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, \$47 and \$22, respectively, was used to pay plan expenses and \$-0- and \$1,111, respectively was used to reduce employer contributions made to the Plan.

*Payment of Benefits*

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account, either in a lump sum amount or a series of payments, subject to limitations. Normal retirement under the Plan is 65 years of age. There are no provisions for early retirement. Hardship withdrawals of elective deferrals and the participant's vested portion of the Company's matching contributions are allowed as defined by the Plan. The Plan also permits in-service distributions after attaining age 59 ½.

*Administrative Expenses*

Certain administrative expenses of the Plan are paid for by the Company, while participant transaction fees are charged directly to participant accounts as incurred.

**HILL & MARKES, LLC 401(k) PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

*Investment Options*

The Plan's provisions allow participants to make their own investment elections with the Plan's recordkeepers Principal Life Insurance Company. Participants may direct their contributions into one or more registered investment companies (mutual funds), a stable value fund, pooled separate accounts, or a guaranteed income account.

Participants may change their investment options at any time by contacting the investment manager or via their online account.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Use of Estimates*

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

*Investment Valuation and Income Recognition*

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value, except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment adviser and custodian. See Note 6 and Note 9 for discussion of fair value measurements and Note 10 for contract value.

Investment income recognized by the Plan includes earnings from investments, net gains (losses) realized from sale of investments, and the net change in the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

*Corrective Distributions Payable*

Corrective distributions payable represents amounts payable to certain participants in order for the Plan to pass its required annual compliance testing. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan passed all of its required annual compliance testing; therefore, there is no corrective distributions payable as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Benefits*

Payments of benefits are recorded when paid.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Notes Receivable from Participants*

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recognized by the Plan in the period in which it is earned based on the outstanding principal balance times the stated interest rate at the date the note receivable originated. Delinquent participant notes are reclassified as deemed distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

**3. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

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

**4. INCOME TAX STATUS**

The underlying non-standardized prototype plan has received an opinion from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is tax exempt. In accordance with Revenue Procedures 2005-6 and Announcement 2001-77, the plan administrator has determined that it is eligible to, and has chosen to, rely on the current IRS prototype plan opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification.

The prototype plan has been amended to comply with recent legislation. However, the plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS or other applicable taxing authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**5. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S CUSTODIANS**

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, Principal Life Insurance Company, the Plan's custodians, have certified to the completeness and accuracy of the investments and notes receivable from participants reflected in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and in the accompanying schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, and the related investment activity and interest income from notes receivable from participants reflected in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

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**6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). 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 to the valuation methodology include:
  - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
  - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in inactive markets.
  - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
  - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
  - If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based 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 assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used to determine fair value at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

- Registered Investment Companies (mutual funds): Fair value based on quoted prices in active markets at year end.
- Pooled Separate Accounts: The Plan has adopted the provisions of Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2009 -12, *Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or its Equivalent)*. ASU 2009-12 allows for the estimation of fair value of investments in certain investment companies for which the investment does not have a readily determinable value by using net asset value (NAV) per share or its equivalent as a practical expedient. The pooled separate accounts are primarily valued at the closing NAV of the units held by the Plan at year-end based on information provided and certified by Principal Trust Company.

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

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**6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Fair values of assets measured on a recurring basis at December 31, are as follows:

	<u><b>Fair Value</b></u>	<u><b>(Level 1)</b></u>
<b><u>December 31, 2024:</u></b>		
Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds)	\$ 5,752,408	\$ 5,752,408
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>5,752,408</u>	<u>5,752,408</u>
Group Annuity Contract-Pooled separate accounts (a)	<u>1,590,088</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets at Fair Value	<u><u>\$ 7,342,496</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,752,408</u></u>
	<u><b>Fair Value</b></u>	<u><b>(Level 1)</b></u>
<b><u>December 31, 2023:</u></b>		
Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds)	\$ 5,834,331	\$ 5,834,331
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>5,834,331</u>	<u>5,834,331</u>
Group Annuity Contract-Pooled separate accounts (a)	<u>2,147,589</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets at Fair Value	<u><u>\$ 7,981,920</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,834,331</u></u>

(a) In accordance with ASC Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit a reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

***Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value Per Share***

The following table sets forth a summary of the Plan's investments with a reported estimated fair value using net asset value per share as of December 31:

	<u><b>Fair Value</b></u>	<u><b>Unfunded Commitments</b></u>	<u><b>Redemption Frequency</b></u>	<u><b>Redemption Period Notice</b></u>
<b><u>December 31, 2024</u></b>				
Pooled Separate Accounts	<u>\$ 1,590,088</u>	None	Daily	Daily
	<u><b>Fair Value</b></u>	<u><b>Unfunded Commitments</b></u>	<u><b>Redemption Frequency</b></u>	<u><b>Redemption Period Notice</b></u>
<b><u>December 31, 2023</u></b>				
Pooled Separate Accounts	<u>\$ 2,147,589</u>	None	Daily	Daily

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**7. PARTIES-IN-INTEREST**

The Plan is sponsored by Hill & Markes, LLC. The Plan and the sponsor are considered related parties based upon shared management as the plan administrator and one of the trustees is the owner of the Company. The following organizations are considered parties-in-interest based upon services provided to the Plan during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Hill & Markes, LLC - Plan Sponsor  
Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP - Plan Audit Firm  
Eagle Rock Wealth Management - Investment Advisor  
M. Holding Securities, Inc. - Investment Broker Services  
Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company - Custodian  
Orenda Retirement, LLC - Trustee and Third-Party Administrator  
Principal Life Insurance Company - Custodian and Recordkeeper

The Plan engages Orenda Retirement, LLC as its third-party administrator. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan paid \$8,452 and \$6,969, respectively, for these services, of which \$5,400 and \$4,424 respectively, are included in administrative expenses and participant transaction fees and \$3,052 and \$2,545, respectively, are included in the net appreciation in the value of investments in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. Additionally, during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, Orenda Retirement, LLC also received referral/service fees of \$1,556 and \$1,995, respectively, related to the insurance contract the Plan holds as an investment option.

Principal Life Insurance Company provides recordkeeping services to the Plan. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan paid \$24,299 and \$23,012, respectively, for these services. As the services relate to participant-initiated transactions (withdrawals) they are included in administrative expenses and participant transaction fees in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

M. Holding Securities, Inc. provides investment brokerage services to the Plan. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan paid \$8,232 and \$8,122, respectively, for these services. These amounts are included in the net appreciation in the value of investments in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no prohibited transactions between either the related parties and the Plan or the parties-in-interest.

**8. 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 the plan document and ERISA. In the event that the Plan terminates, participants will become 100% vested in the Company's matching contributions portion of their accounts, and the net assets of the Plan will be allocated as prescribed by the plan document and ERISA. Upon termination of the Plan, the Custodian will continue to hold the plan assets and will make distributions of the Plan benefits in accordance with the instructions of the plan administrator and the Plan's provisions.

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**9. GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT - POOLED SEPARATE ACCOUNTS**

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Plan entered into a group annuity contract with Principal Life Insurance Company. The underlying investments of the contract are individual pooled separate accounts that invest in a single mutual fund. The contract does not require a guaranteed rate of return, instead each separate account's return is based on the change in value of the underlying mutual fund adjusted for any management fee and fee credit, as applicable. The unit value of each separate account is calculated by multiplying the number of units held in the separate account by the applicable unit value. Each separate account has a base \$10 unit value when the account is established.

**10. GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT - GUARANTEED OPTION ACCOUNT**

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Plan entered into a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Principal Life Insurance Company (PLIC). The contract is a group annuity contract backed by the general account of PLIC. Deposits to the group annuity contract are guaranteed in both principal and interest, assuring that the funds will grow at specified rates. The investments are credited with interest on a net daily basis at annual effective rate. The guaranteed net interest rate at December 31, 2024 and 2023 was 2.55% and 4.65%, respectively. This investment is recorded in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits at contract value as determined by PLIC.

**11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Plan management has evaluated events subsequent to the statement of net assets available for benefits date of December 31, 2024, and through October 9, 2025, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined there are no subsequent events that require recording or disclosure.

**HILL & MARKES, LLC 401(K) PLAN**  
**EIN 14-0751030, PLAN NO. 001**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Parties - in - <u>Interest</u>	Identity of issue borrower, lessor or <u>similar party</u>	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, <u>or maturity value</u>	<u>Cost*</u>	<u>Current Value</u>
		<u>Pooled Separate Accounts:</u>		
**	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Blue Chip Separate Account	\$ -	\$ 827,602
**	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Core Plus Bond Separate Account	-	273,928
**	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Equity Income Separate Account	-	255,461
**	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal High Yield Separate Account	-	66,121
**	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Real Estate Securities Account	-	41,248
**	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal SAM Conservative Growth Separate Account	-	125,728
		Total Pooled Separate Accounts	<u>-</u>	<u>1,590,088</u>
		<u>Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds)</u>		
	American Funds American Balanced R6	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	567,020
	BlackRock Mid Cap Growth Equity Portfolio	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	195,886
	Capital Income Builder Inc	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	186,836
	DFA International Small Company Portfolio	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	45,759
	Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	75,880
	Europacific Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	90,086
	Income Fund of America	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	247,332
	Lord Abbett Short Duration Income R6	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	116,775
	Lord Abbett Developing Growth Fund Inc	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	19,383
	New World Fund Inc	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	39,977
	New Perspective Fund	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	53,770
	PIMCO International Bond (USD Hedged) Instl	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	17,761
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund I	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	133
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund I	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	454,343
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund I	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	346,160
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund I	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	46,271
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund I	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	284,027
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund I	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	164,690
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund I	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	253,594
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund I	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	188,052
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Fund I	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	108,915
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2065 Fund I	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	2,738
	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	968,628
	Vanguard Inflation Protected Secs Admiral	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	16,940
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	269,637
	Vanguard Mid Cap Value Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	21,982
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	214,168
	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	157,748
	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	190,208
	Vanguard Wellesley Income Admiral	Registered Investment Company (Mutual Fund)	-	407,709
		Total Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds)	<u>-</u>	<u>5,752,408</u>
**	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Guaranteed Option	-	956,044
**	Notes Receivable from Participants	Participant loans, interest ranging from 4.25% - 9.50%, with various maturities through February 2032	-	278,729
	Total		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,577,269</u>

\* Cost information may be omitted with respect to participant or beneficiary directed transactions under an individual account plan.

\*\* Indicates that the issuer is a party-in-interest as defined in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

**ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR**

H & M, LLC 401() P  
 EIN 14 0751030  
 PLAN NUMBER 001  
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2024 TO 12/31/2024

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company Am Fds EuroPacific Grth R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 90,089.14
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fnds Cap Inc Builder R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 186,839.71
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Amer Fds Inc Fd of Amer R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 247,332.75
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company Amer Funds Amer Bal R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 567,021.65
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company American Funds NewPrsp R6 Fnd	\$ 0.00	\$ 53,772.71
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company American Funds NewWorld R6	\$ 0.00	\$ 39,980.74
	BlackRock	Registered Investment Company BlackRock Md-Cp Gr Eq K Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 195,887.82
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	Registered Investment Company DFA Int'l Small Company I Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,759.93
	Goldman Sachs	Registered Investment Company GOLDMAN SACHS FIN SO GOV R6 FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 75,880.58
	Lord Abbett	Registered Investment Company Lord Abbett Dev Growth R6 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,384.92
	Lord Abbett	Registered Investment Company Lord Abbett Sht Drtn Inc R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 116,775.34
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Blue Chip SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 827,602.31
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Core Plus Bond Sep Acct-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 273,947.34
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Equity Income SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 255,460.81
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin High Yield Sep Acct-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 66,121.25

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*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Real Estate Secs SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,248.21
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SAM Cons Growth SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 125,727.98
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Insurance Company General Principal Guaranteed Option	\$ 0.00	\$ 956,044.40
	PIMCO Funds	Registered Investment Company PIMCO Intl Bond (USD-Hdg) I Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,762.97
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE RTMT 2020 I FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 133.04
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE RTMT 2025 I FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 454,343.12
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE RTMT 2030 I FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 346,159.77
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE RTMT 2035 I FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 46,271.39
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE RTMT 2040 I FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 284,026.99
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE RTMT 2045 I FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 164,690.17
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE RTMT 2050 I FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 253,593.94
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE RTMT 2055 I FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 188,052.34
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE RTMT 2060 I FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 108,914.90
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE RTMT 2065 I FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,738.35
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 269,650.27

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	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard MidCap Val Idx Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,986.40
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Index Adm Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 214,174.10
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Val Idx Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 157,752.27
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Wellesley Inc Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 407,712.40
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 968,650.45
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vgd Infl-Prot Sec Adm Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,941.82
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vgd Ttl Intl Stk Idx Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 190,208.76
*	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 4.25% To 9.50%	\$ 0.00	\$ 278,729.00

