

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

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

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
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1a Name of plan <u>BEARING TREE, INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>BEARING TREE, INC.</u> <u>300 S. RIVERSIDE PLAZA</u> <u>SUITE 1625</u> <u>CHICAGO, IL 60606</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2019</u> 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>83-2543436</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>312-346-5700</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>561300</u>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/12/2025	SAMANTHA WRIGHT
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	197
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	178
	6a(2)	190
	6b	3
	6c	27
	6d	220
	6e	0
	6f	220
	6g(1)	125
	6g(2)	138
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

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

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

<p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</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>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</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>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p>A Name of plan BEARING TREE, INC. 401(K) PLAN</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p>001</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BEARING TREE, INC.</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 83-2543436</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
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY 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
71-0294708	86509	81C224	138	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

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

<p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid 11904</p>	<p>(b) Total amount of fees paid 0</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
LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION **4707 EXECUTIVE DR. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121**

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
11904	0		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.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	449289
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	6315297

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

e Type of contract: (1) 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 ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 268537

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	78210
	7c(2)	0
	7c(3)	6218
	7c(4)	127319
	7c(5)	0

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 211747

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 480284

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	30920
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	75
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	0
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	0

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 30995

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 449289

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BEARING TREE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 83-2543436	

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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71-0294708

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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)

HESSEL & ASSOCIATES, LLC

45-4090227

(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	TPA	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2510	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

MORNINGSTAR

36-3297908

(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	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	821	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
HESSEL & ASSOCIATES, LLC	13	2510
(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.	
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY 71-0294708	TPA REVENUE SHARING	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
MORNINGSTAR	27	821
(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.	
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY 71-0294708	FIDUCIARY SERVICES	
(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.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 2024 <hr/> This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>BEARING TREE, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>83-2543436</u>

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AB LARGE CAP GRW FND Z</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>834289</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPACIFIC R6</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>50948</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS FDMNTL INV R6</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>128909</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS NEW WORLD R6</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>91877</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS NEW PRSPCTV R6</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>96306</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS WASHINGTON MUTUAL R6</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>196550</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>CLRBGRG SMCP GRW FD IS</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>56485</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: COHEN & STEERS REAL EST S FD Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 80266
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA INFL-PROT SEC PORT INS		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 106144
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA US TARGETED VI PORT INS		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 42220
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND AGG 2055 FD R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 19175
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND AGG 2065 FD R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 100
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND AGG RET FD R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND CNS 2055 F R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2137
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND CNS RET FD R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND MOD 2025 FD R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND MOD 2035 FD R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 876344

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND MOD 2045 FD R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 302886
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND MOD 2055 FD R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 546430
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND MOD 2065 FD R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 622845
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS IND MOD RET FD R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 37079
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NEUBERG BERM MDCP GRW FND R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 61536
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD 500 INDEX FUND ADM		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1075181
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD BALANCED INDEX FUND ADM		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 294808
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD MID-CAP INDEX FUND ADM		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 196562
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SMALL-CAP INDEX FUND ADM		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 234317
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TOT INT STK IN F ADM		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 256467

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA GV MONEY MARKET FUND A		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 248
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INDEX SOLUTION 2025 P Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INDEX SOLUTION 2030 P Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INDEX SOLUTION 2035 P Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INDEX SOLUTION 2040 P Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INDEX SOLUTION 2045 P Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INDEX SOLUTION 2050 P Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INDEX SOLUTION 2055 P Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INDEX SOLUTION 2060 P Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INDEX SOLUTION 2065 P Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INDEX SOLUTION INC P Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VOYA INTERMEDIATE BOND FUND R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 71-0294708-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 105189
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e 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	d Entity code	e 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	d Entity code	e 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	d Entity code	e 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	d Entity code	e 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	d Entity code	e 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	d Entity code	e 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	d Entity code	e 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	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan BEARING TREE, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BEARING TREE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 83-2543436

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	725	1376
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		2406995
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	4224721	3908302
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	268537	449289
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	4493983	6765962
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	4493983	6765962

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	444427	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	991246	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	623654	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2059327
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	6217	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		6217
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	30	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		30
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		-21249
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		713626
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		2757951

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	483822	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		483822
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	2000	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	150	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		2150
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		485972

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2271979
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **LEE CPA AUDIT GROUP**

(2) EIN: **81-4637885**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? Yes No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A Name of plan <u>BEARING TREE, INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>BEARING TREE, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>83-2543436</u>	

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

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

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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): 71-0294708

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 07 / 13 / 2021 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704581A.

<p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE MEP (Form 5500)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p>	<p style="font-size: large;">MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER RETIREMENT PLAN INFORMATION</p> <p style="font-size: small;">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)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: large;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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<p>C Plan administrator's name as shown on line 3a of Form 5500/Form 5500-SF BEARING TREE, INC.</p>	<p>D Administrator's EIN 83-2543436</p>	

Part I **Type of Multiple-Employer Pension Plan.** All multiple-employer pension plans must complete.

1 Check the appropriate box to indicate type of multiple-employer pension plan. (Only defined contribution plans may check lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. Defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans not checking lines 1a, 1b, or 1c should check line 1d. See Instructions).

- a association retirement plan (See 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- b professional employer organization plan (PEO Plan) (See 29 CFR 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- c pooled employer plan (PEP) (See 29 CFR 2510.3-44) (Complete Parts II and III)
- d other multiple-employer pension plan (Describe) _____ (Complete Part II)

Part II **Participating Employer Information.**

2 All multiple-employer pension plans that are subject to section 210(a) of ERISA (see instructions for filing the Form 5500) must complete Part II, in addition to Part I, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information for each employer participating in the multiple-employer pension plan. **Defined contribution plans must complete lines 2a-2d. All other multiple-employer pension plans complete lines 2a-2c only. Complete as many entries as needed to list the required information for each participating employer that is not an individual person (see instructions).**

2a Name of Participating Employer ADVANCED DIGITAL MEDIA	2b EIN 20-2949677	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year 1.09	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer 49669
2a Name of Participating Employer AMERICAN CULTURE FOUNDATION	2b EIN 45-4206354	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year 0.26	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer 0

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2e Does the plan include any individuals not participating through an employer or who are individual working owners?	2e	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2f If you answer "Yes" in line 2e, enter a good faith estimate of the percentage of total contributions made by all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a during the plan year.	2f	
2g If you answer "Yes" in Line 2e, enter the aggregate account balances for all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a.	2g	

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2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
AMERICAN CULTURE PROJECT	83-1575590	0.21	1663
AMERICAN INDEPENDENT MEDIA	81-4770680	0.35	79236
BEARING TREE, INC.	83-2543436	17.30	1537368
BULL AIRS NY LLC	87-2870041	0.00	0
CARDINAL INSTITUTE FOR WEST VIRGINIA POLICY	47-1932521	0.25	11184
CENTER FOR COMMON SENSE IN SCIENCE	81-2327719	1.45	47839
CITIZENS IN CHARGE FOUNDATION	13-4070270	6.05	424937
CLUB FOR GROWTH	20-4681603	0.10	1964
DO NO HARM	87-4701865	8.77	270225

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2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
DO NO HARM ACTION	92-2849295	0.95	0
FRANKLIN MEDIA GROUP, INC.	82-2117598	0.37	26066
FRANKLIN NEWS FOUNDATION	58-1943161	11.24	1167504
FRONTIER INSTITUTE INC.	85-0998465	0.00	0
GEORGIA PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION	58-1943161	4.09	94851
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ALLIANCE	45-4204629	2.84	222868
HALL OF GIANTS - THE ENTREPRENEURS THAT MADE AMERICA	87-1077210	0.87	34942
ILLINOIS POLICY INSTITUTE	41-2057028	13.39	1457174
IMPACT CFO, LLC	99-1292255	0.00	0

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2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
INVESTOR CHOICE ADVOCATES NETWORK	87-3986761	0.15	3182
IRON LIGHT LABS	86-1206324	0.17	0
IRON LIGHT, INC.	82-3751169	10.87	1092689
JOSHUA BARTLETT CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY	22-3235650	0.00	0
LAWRENCE VICK CFP CORPORATION	27-2383941	0.00	0
LIBERTY INITIATIVE FUND	45-4101488	14.11	0
RETURN ON IDEAS LLC	87-1736235	4.84	237200
SCHOOL BOARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE	93-2247356	0.26	5402
THINK FREELY MEDIA, INC.	27-1110796	0.03	0

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2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
VINCO CREATIVE, LLC	83-3220150	0.00	0
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
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Part III	Pooled Employer Plan Information
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Line 3. All Pooled employer plans must answer all of the questions in Part III, in addition to completing all of Parts I and II.

3a Is the pooled plan provider (identified as the plan sponsor and administrator in Part II of the Form 5500) currently in compliance with the Form PR (Pooled Plan Provider Registration Statement) requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-44)..... Yes No

3b If line 3a is "Yes", enter the ACK ID for the most recent Form PR that was required to be filed under the Form PR filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid ACK ID will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

ACK ID _____

BEARING TREE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Sponsor of Bearing Tree, Inc. 401(k) Plan
Chicago, Illinois

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

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

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

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 Bearing Tree, Inc. 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 Bearing Tree, Inc. 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 Bearing Tree, Inc. 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not 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.

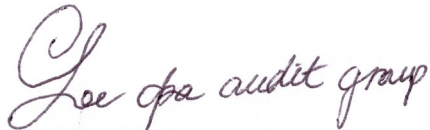
In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations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

In our opinion—

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

Other Matter—2023 Financial Statements

The accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of the Bearing Tree, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2023 were not audited, reviewed, or compiled by us and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee CPA audit group".

Sacramento, California
September 30, 2025

BEARING TREE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>ASSETS</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>
Investments		
Investments at fair value (note 4)	\$ 6,315,297	\$ 4,224,721
Investments at contract value (note 5)	<u>449,289</u>	<u>268,537</u>
Total investments	6,764,586	4,493,258
Receivables		
Employer contributions	<u>1,376</u>	<u>725</u>
Total assets	<u>6,765,962</u>	<u>4,493,983</u>
	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Excess contributions payable	<u>448</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 6,765,514</u>	<u>\$ 4,493,983</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Additions:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$	692,377
Dividends		30
Interest		6,217
Net investment gain		698,624

Contributions:

Employers	444,427
Participants	991,246
Rollovers	623,654
Total contributions	2,059,327

Total additions 2,757,951

Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants	483,822
Corrective distributions	448
Expenses	2,150
Total deductions	486,420

Net increase in net assets available for benefits 2,271,531

Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	4,493,983
End of year	\$ 6,765,514

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

BEARING TREE, INC. 401(K) PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Bearing Tree, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a multiple-employer defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Bearing Tree, Inc.; Iron Light, Inc.; Illinois Policy Institute; Government Accountability Alliance; Franklin Media Group, Inc.; Franklin News Foundation; Think Freely Media; Center for Common Sense in Science; American Culture Project; American Culture Foundation; Frontier Institute Inc.; Lawrence Vick CFP Corporation; Return on Ideas LLC; Iron Light Labs; Do No Harm; Cardinal Institute for West Virginia Policy; VINCO Creative, LLC; Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy; Do No Harm Action; Citizens in Charge Foundation; Bull Airs NY LLC; Advanced Digital Media; Georgia Public Policy Foundation; School Boards for Academic Excellence; Investor Choice Advocates Network; Impact CFO, LLC; Hall of Giants – The Entrepreneurs That Made America; American Independent Media; Club for Growth; and Liberty Initiative Fund (collectively, the “Company”). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan was established on January 1, 2019.

Effective January 1, 2024:

- School Boards for Academic Excellence elected to not make safe harbor contributions.
- Liberty Initiative Fund joined the Plan and elected to make traditional enhanced safe harbor matching contributions.
- Part-time employees who were hired on or after January 1, 2024 are excluded from participating in the Plan.

Effective February 1, 2024, Investor Choice Advocates Network joined the Plan and elected to not make safe harbor contributions.

Effective July 1, 2024, VINCO Creative, LLC ceased participation in the Plan, and Impact CFO, LLC joined the Plan.

Effective July 31, 2024, Franklin Media Group, Inc. merged with Advanced Digital Media.

Effective August 1, 2024, American Independent Media and Hall of Giants – The Entrepreneurs That Made America joined the Plan.

Effective December 1, 2024, Club for Growth joined the Plan and elected to not make safe harbor contributions.

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NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Eligibility

Participating Employers may have individual eligibility provisions based on factors such as age, service, or employee type. Eligible employees shall enter the Plan on the first day of the calendar month coincident with or next following the date the eligibility requirements are met.

Contributions

Participant Contributions: Participants elect to have amounts withheld from their paychecks and contributed to the Plan by the Company. Participants may contribute any amount of their plan compensation in pre-tax deferrals and Roth deferrals as defined in the Plan and by the Internal Revenue Service. Participants may also contribute rollover amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

Automatic Contribution Arrangement (ACA): Participating Employers may have individual automatic contribution arrangements.

Employer Contributions:

- *Safe Harbor Matching Contributions:* The Company makes safe harbor matching contributions in an amount equal to 100% of the first 3% of the participant's eligible compensation, plus 50% of the next 2% of the participant's compensation.
- *Safe Harbor Traditional Enhanced Matching Contributions:* The Company makes safe harbor matching contributions in an amount equal to 100% of the first 4% of the participant's eligible compensation, plus 50% of the next 2% of the participant's compensation.
- *Non-Elective Contributions:* The Company may also make discretionary non-elective contributions as determined by the Company. To receive an allocation of Company non-elective contributions, participants must complete 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year and be employed by the Company on the last day of the Plan year.
- *Profit Sharing Contributions:* Participating Employers may make profit sharing contributions.
- *Safe Harbor Non-Elective Contributions:* Participating Employers may make safe harbor non-elective contributions.
- *Discretionary Matching Contributions:* Participating Employers may make discretionary matching contributions.

All of the foregoing contributions are subject to limits as set by federal law.

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NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's own contributions and an allocation of net earnings from investments and changes in investment values. Allocations are based on each participant's contributions, earnings, or account balances, as defined by the Plan agreement. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is limited to the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan.

Investment Options

Participants may direct the investment of all contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan and Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company ("Voya").

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or receive partial withdrawals. Terminated participants whose balances exceed more than \$5,000 will be automatically distributed. For such balances exceeding \$5,000, subject to certain requirements, participants may leave their account balance in the Plan. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution. Participants may request withdrawal from their contribution accounts for financial hardship or after attaining the age of 59½. The distribution of the participant's account must commence no later than April 1 following the calendar year in which the participant attains age 73.

Vesting

Participants are always fully vested in their own contributions, Company safe harbor matching contributions, and all earnings thereon. Participants vest in Company nonelective contributions at the rate of 20% for each year of vesting service until fully vested, beginning on the second year of credited service after date of hire. Participants are fully vested in Company contributions after six years of credited service. Participating Employers may have individual vesting provisions adopted by each Company.

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NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Forfeitures

Forfeitures of nonvested employer contributions, if any, shall be used to reduce employer contributions and can be applied to reduce administrative expenses charged to the Plan, for the plan year in which they occurred or thereafter. During the year ended December 31, 2024, forfeitures totaling \$4,398 were utilized to correct a vesting error. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were \$248 and \$4,461, respectively, in forfeiture nonvested accounts available for future use.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisors, custodians, and the insurance company. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis.

Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

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NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as a liability with a corresponding corrective distribution. The Plan will distribute the 2024 excess contributions to the applicable participants after December 31, 2024.

NOTE 3: INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE CUSTODIAN (UNAUDITED)

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 Disclosures under ERISA. Accordingly, Voya, the custodian of the Plan, has certified as being complete and accurate the following information as of and for the year then ended December 31, 2024.

- Investments from participants are reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits
- Net appreciation in fair value of investments from participants, dividends, and interest are reflected on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits
- Investments are reflected on the schedule of assets (Held at End of Year)

NOTE 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, provides the 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 under FASB ASC Topic 820 are described as follows:

- Level 1) Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

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NOTE 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Level 2) Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3) Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset 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.

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

Common/collective trusts: Valued at the NAV units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Pooled separate accounts: These investments are public investment securities valued using the Net Asset Value (NAV) provided by the investment contract issuer. The NAV is quoted on a private market that is not active, however, the unit price is based on the underlying investments. A majority of the investments held by each fund are traded on an active market.

The valuation methods used by the Plan 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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NOTE 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes net unrealized and net realized gains and losses on investments during the year and is presented net of investment expenses. Investment income is allocated to individual participant accounts based upon the participant's share of the investment fund.

As of December 31, 2024, assets in the plan, as defined by ASC Topic 820, were as follows:

<u>Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024</u>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$ -	-	-	\$ 3,908,302 *
Common collective trusts	-	-	-	2,406,995
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 6,315,297</u>

As of December 31, 2023, assets in the plan, as defined by ASC Topic 820, were as follows:

<u>Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 (unaudited)</u>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$ -	-	-	\$ 4,224,721 *
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 4,224,721</u>

* In accordance with 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 reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits. Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 are reported in the net change in the fair value of investments.

NOTE 5: GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY

The Plan entered into a fully benefit-responsive group annuity contract with Voya in the Voya Fixed Account which is guaranteed by Voya totaling \$449,289 at December 31, 2024. The contributions are maintained in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Voya is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

A current rate of interest is set at least monthly with a guaranteed minimum floor rate declared each calendar year. The guaranteed minimum floor rate will never be below the guaranteed minimum interest rate (GMIR) that applies for the life of the contract.

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NOTE 5: GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because it is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Voya, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan administrator believes that any events that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable of not occurring.

NOTE 6: PLAN TERMINATION

Although the Company expects to continue the Plan indefinitely, it has the right under the Plan to suspend its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, all accounts become fully vested and non-forfeitable. Plan assets would first be used to pay any expenses properly charged to the Plan. The remaining Plan assets would then be distributed to participants.

NOTE 7: TAX STATUS

The Company has adopted the Hessel & Associates LLC Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing/Money Purchase/CODA Plan. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has informed Hessel & Associates LLC in a letter dated July 13, 2021, that its pre-approved defined contribution plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC, and any Plan Sponsor adopting this form of the pre-approved defined contribution plan will be considered to have a plan qualified under applicable sections of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan and related trust are tax-exempt, and once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified as a tax-exempt trust.

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NOTE 7: TAX STATUS (CONTINUED)

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examination for years prior to 2021.

NOTE 8: RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2024 and 2023, to the Plan's Form 5500:

	2024	2023 (Unaudited)
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 6,765,514	\$ 4,493,983
Excess contributions payable	448	-
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 6,765,962	\$ 4,493,983

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, to the Plan's Form 5500:

Change in net assets available for plan benefits per financial statements	\$ 2,271,531
Add: Excess contributions payable at December 31, 2024	448
Change in net assets available for plan benefits per Form 5500	\$ 2,271,979

NOTE 9: PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by Voya. Voya is the custodian, as defined by the Plan, and therefore, these investments and investment transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Any purchase and sale of investments in the custodian are open market transactions at fair market value. Fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in the net appreciation in fair value of investments. These fees are paid to the investment fund manager and may include certain revenue-sharing fees that are paid to Voya, other investment custodians, and investment advisors.

Additionally, the Plan Sponsor, Bearing Tree, Inc., is also a party-in-interest to the Plan, however, there were no transactions with the Plan Sponsor other than the funding of contributions to the Plan and payment of certain administrative expenses of the Plan. Such transactions are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

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NOTE 10: EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE

The Plan failed the nondiscrimination testing for the year ended December 31, 2024. Excess contributions amounting to \$448 are recorded as a liability on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and as a corrective distribution for the year. The Plan will reimburse these excess contributions to its participants after 2024.

NOTE 11: RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

NOTE 12: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the statement of net assets available for benefits date but before the financial statements are available to be issued. The Plan recognizes in the financial statements the effects of all subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing the financial statements. The Plan's financial statements do not recognize subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits but arose after the statement of net assets available for benefits date and before the financial statements are available to be issued.

The plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 30, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective January 1, 2025:

- Do No Harm, Do No Harm Action, Club for Growth elected for the eligible automatic contribution arrangement (EACA).
- Gen Next Foundation, Alder, Citizen Journalism Foundation, Eagle Society joined the plan and elected to not make safe harbor contributions.
- Empower Illinois joined the Plan.

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NOTE 12: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Effective February 3, 2025:

- Schoolahoop joined the Plan and elected for traditional enhanced safe harbor matching contributions.
- The Napolitan Institute joined the Plan and elected to not make safe harbor contributions.

Effective March 16, 2024, Frederick Douglass Freedom Alliance joined the Plan and elected to not make safe harbor contributions.

Effective March 24, 2025, Madison County Records, LLC joined the Plan.

Effective May 1, 2025, Unleash Prosperity, Inc. joined the Plan.

Effective July 1, 2025, Lexandria, Inc. joined the Plan.

Supplemental Schedule

BEARING TREE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

EIN 83-2543436

PLAN NUMBER: 001

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

DECEMBER 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	<u>Fixed Account</u>			
*	Voya Fixed Account (4062)	Fixed Account	** \$	449,289 ***
	<u>Common Collective Trust</u>			
	MyCompass Ind Agg 2055 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	19,175
	MyCompass Ind Agg 2065 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	100
	MyCompass Ind Cns 2055 F R	Common Collective Trust	**	2,137
	MyCompass Ind Mod 2035 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	876,344
	MyCompass Ind Mod 2045 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	302,886
	MyCompass Ind Mod 2055 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	546,429
	MyCompass Ind Mod 2065 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	622,845
	MyCompass Ind Mod Ret Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	37,079
	Total Common Collective Trusts			2,406,995
	<u>Pooled Separate Accounts</u>			
	AB Large Cap Grw Fnd Z	Pooled Separate Account	**	834,289
	American Funds EuroPacific R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	50,948
	American Funds Fdmntl Inv R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	128,909
	American Funds New World R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	91,877
	American Funds Nw Prspctv R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	96,306
	American Funds Wash Mutual R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	196,550
	CirBrg SmCp Grw Fd IS	Pooled Separate Account	**	56,485
	Cohen&Steers Real Est S Fd Z	Pooled Separate Account	**	80,266
	DFA Infl-Prot Sec Port Ins	Pooled Separate Account	**	106,144
	DFA US Targeted VI Port Ins	Pooled Separate Account	**	42,220
	Neuberg Berm MdCp Grw Fnd R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	61,536
	Vangrd 500 Index Fund Adm	Pooled Separate Account	**	1,075,181
	Vangrd Balanced Index Fnd Adm	Pooled Separate Account	**	294,808
	Vangrd Mid-Cap Index Fund Adm	Pooled Separate Account	**	196,562
	Vangrd Small-Cap Index Fnd Adm	Pooled Separate Account	**	234,317
	Vangrd Tot Int Stk In F Adm	Pooled Separate Account	**	256,467
*	Voya Gv Mny Mkt F A (Hld Acct)	Pooled Separate Account	**	248
*	Voya Intermediate Bond Fund R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	105,189
	Total Pooled Separate Accounts			3,908,302
	Total investments		\$	6,764,586

- * Denotes party-in-interest
- ** Not applicable as all investments are participant-directed
- *** Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts presented at contract value

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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).

2024

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

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

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

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 [x] a multiple-employer plan... B This return/report is: [] a single-employer plan [] a DFE... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here []... D Check box if filing under: [x] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] the DFVC program [] special extension... 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: Bearing Tree, Inc. 401(k) Plan. 1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001. 1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2019. 2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): Bearing Tree, Inc. 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 83-2543436. 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: (312) 346-5700. 2d Business code (see instructions): 561300. Address: 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1625, Chicago, IL 60606.

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, Date, and Name. Row 1: Signature of plan administrator (Samantha Wright), Date 10/13/2025, Name Samantha Wright. Row 2: Signature of employer/plan sponsor. Row 3: Signature of DFE.

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	197
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	178
	6a(2)	190
	6b	3
	6c	27
	6d	220
	6e	0
	6f	220
	6g(1)	125
6g(2)	138	
6h	0	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7	

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

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

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

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

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

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

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

BEARING TREE, INC. 401(K) PLAN

EIN 83-2543436

PLAN NUMBER: 001

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

DECEMBER 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	<u>Fixed Account</u>			
*	Voya Fixed Account (4062)	Fixed Account	** \$	449,289 ***
	<u>Common Collective Trust</u>			
	MyCompass Ind Agg 2055 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	19,175
	MyCompass Ind Agg 2065 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	100
	MyCompass Ind Cns 2055 F R	Common Collective Trust	**	2,137
	MyCompass Ind Mod 2035 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	876,344
	MyCompass Ind Mod 2045 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	302,886
	MyCompass Ind Mod 2055 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	546,429
	MyCompass Ind Mod 2065 Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	622,845
	MyCompass Ind Mod Ret Fd R	Common Collective Trust	**	37,079
	Total Common Collective Trusts			<u>2,406,995</u>
	<u>Pooled Separate Accounts</u>			
	AB Large Cap Grw Fnd Z	Pooled Separate Account	**	834,289
	American Funds EuroPacific R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	50,948
	American Funds Fdmntl Inv R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	128,909
	American Funds New World R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	91,877
	American Funds Nw Prspctv R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	96,306
	American Funds Wash Mutual R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	196,550
	ClrBrg SmCp Grw Fd IS	Pooled Separate Account	**	56,485
	Cohen&Steers Real Est S Fd Z	Pooled Separate Account	**	80,266
	DFA Infl-Prot Sec Port Ins	Pooled Separate Account	**	106,144
	DFA US Targeted VI Port Ins	Pooled Separate Account	**	42,220
	Neuberg Berm MdCp Grw Fnd R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	61,536
	Vangrd 500 Index Fund Adm	Pooled Separate Account	**	1,075,181
	Vangrd Balanced Index Fnd Adm	Pooled Separate Account	**	294,808
	Vangrd Mid-Cap Index Fund Adm	Pooled Separate Account	**	196,562
	Vangrd Small-Cap Index Fnd Adm	Pooled Separate Account	**	234,317
	Vangrd Tot Int Stk In F Adm	Pooled Separate Account	**	256,467
*	Voya Gv Mny Mkt F A (Hld Acct)	Pooled Separate Account	**	248
*	Voya Intermediate Bond Fund R6	Pooled Separate Account	**	105,189
	Total Pooled Separate Accounts			<u>3,908,302</u>
	Total investments		\$	<u><u>6,764,586</u></u>

* Denotes party-in-interest
 ** Not applicable as all investments are participant-directed
 *** Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts presented at contract value