

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.

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

1a Name of plan: EPSTEIN AFFILIATED COMPANIES 401(K) PENSION PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2006
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): ALDEN LEEDS, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 22-1683651
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 973-589-3544
2d Business code (see instructions): 423990

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

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

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	271
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	206
	<b>6a(2)</b>	141
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	65
	<b>6d</b>	206
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	206
	<b>6g(1)</b>	200
	<b>6g(2)</b>	200
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

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

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

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

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

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>EPSTEIN AFFILIATED COMPANIES 401(K) PENSION PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>002</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ALDEN LEEDS, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>22-1683651</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....  Yes  No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

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

ABAR RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES LLC

110 SOUTH JEFFERSON RD. SUITE 204  
WHIPPANY, NJ 07981

46-1281375

(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?
15 64	TPA	39159	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

GETTRY MARCUS, CPA, PC

13-3418879

(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?
10	CPA	31000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.

211 MAIN STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

94-1737782

(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?
19	CUSTODIAN	26934	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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81-4637885

(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?
10	AUDITOR	8800	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

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

**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

**4** Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	56355	355094
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	299692	585465
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	55913	26417
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	18692	25402
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	14008453	9131848
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

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	14439105	10124226
<b>Liabilities</b>			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	1016	0
h Operating payables.....	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	1016	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	14438089	10124226

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	586465	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	101660	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		688125
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B).....	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)		1380041
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		2068166

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	6275143	
(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)		6275143
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	2h		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	39159	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	39800	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	26934	
(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)	993	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)		106886
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		6382029

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		-4313863
<b>l</b> 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:

**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.)

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>4a</b>	X		177763

**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.)

<b>4b</b>		X	
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**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.)

<b>4c</b>		X	
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**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.)

<b>4d</b>		X	
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**e** Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?

<b>4e</b>	X		1000000
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**f** Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?

<b>4f</b>		X	
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**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?

<b>4g</b>		X	
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**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?

<b>4h</b>		X	
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**i** Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)

<b>4i</b>	X		
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**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.)

<b>4j</b>		X	
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**k** Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?

<b>4k</b>		X	
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**l** Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?

<b>4l</b>		X	
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**m** If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)

<b>4m</b>		X	
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**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.

<b>4n</b>			
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**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>EPSTEIN AFFILIATED COMPANIES 401(K) PENSION PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ALDEN LEEDS, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-1683651</u>	

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

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

1		0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 26-1384797

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703912A.

**EPSTEIN AFFILIATED COMPANIES 401(K) PENSION PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**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 Epstein Affiliated Companies 401(k) Pension Plan  
Kearny, New Jersey

### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Epstein Affiliated Companies 401(k) Pension Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statement(s) of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Epstein Affiliated Companies 401(k) Pension Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Epstein Affiliated Companies 401(k) Pension Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Epstein Affiliated Companies 401(k) Pension 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**

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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of these financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Epstein Affiliated Companies 401(k) Pension 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 Epstein Affiliated Companies 401(k) Pension Plan’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

## **Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions as of December 31, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the

financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

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

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

Sacramento, California  
October 13, 2025

EPSTEIN AFFILIATED COMPANIES 401(K) PENSION PLAN  
 STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
 DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

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ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Noninterest-bearing cash	\$ 355,094	\$ 56,355
Investments:		
Investments, at fair value (note 3)	9,131,848	14,008,453
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	585,465	299,692
Participant contributions	26,417	55,913
Other	<u>25,402</u>	<u>18,692</u>
Total receivables	<u>637,284</u>	<u>374,297</u>
Total assets	10,124,226	14,439,105

LIABILITIES

Benefits claims payable	<u>-</u>	<u>1,016</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$ <u><u>10,124,226</u></u>	\$ <u><u>14,438,089</u></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

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Additions:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments \$ 1,380,041

Contributions:

Employer 586,465

Participants 101,660

Total contributions 688,125

Total additions 2,068,166

Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants 6,275,143

Expenses 106,886

Total deductions 6,382,029

Net decrease in net assets available for benefits (4,313,863)

Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year 14,438,089

End of year \$ 10,124,226

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

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**NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of the Epstein Affiliated Companies 401(k) Pension 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 participant directed defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Alden Leeds Inc. and Mid-Continent Packaging Inc. (collectively, the "Company") with retirement benefits in accordance with section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan was established on April 1, 1974.

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Plan, employees must have completed 6 months of service with the Company. Union employees, leased employees, nonresident aliens, and any employee of any entity required to be aggregated with the plan sponsor under Code Section 414(b),(c),(m), or (o) and the regulation thereunder that has not adopted the Plan are excluded from participation in the Plan. Owners of Alden Leeds, Inc. and employees of Mid-Continent Packaging Inc. are not eligible for Company matching contributions. Eligible employees shall enter the Plan on the first day of the plan year 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 up to 100% of their plan compensation in pre-tax 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.

*Employer Contributions:*

- *Matching Contributions:* The Company makes discretionary matching contributions in an amount equal to 200% of the first 2.5% of the participant's eligible compensation.
- *Nonelective Contributions:* The Company may also make discretionary nonelective contributions as determined by the Company.

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 Charles Schwab Trust Bank.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or may elect to take partial payments or installment payments if the participant is receiving required minimum distributions. Terminated participants whose balances are less 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 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 and all earnings thereon. Participants vest in Company contributions at the rate of 20% for each year of vesting service until fully vested, beginning on the second year of credited service after the date of hire. Participants are fully vested in Company contributions after six years of credited service.

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. However, if the participant is reemployed and fulfills certain requirements, as defined in the Plan, the participant's account will be reinstated.

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**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

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 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.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

**NOTE 3: 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 3: 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 at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Registered investment accounts (Mutual funds):* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Exchange traded funds (ETFs):* Valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the individual securities are traded.

*Common stocks:* Valued at the closing price reported on the Stock Exchange.

*Bonds:* Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value in yields currently available in comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

*Interest-bearing cash:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund.

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 3: 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>
Registered investment companies	\$ 1,502,141	-	-	\$ 1,502,141
Exchange traded funds	4,730,556	-	-	4,730,556
Common stocks	1,885,713	-	-	1,885,713
Bonds	-	930,813	-	930,813
Interest-bearing cash	82,625	-	-	82,625
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 8,201,035</u>	<u>930,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 9,131,848</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</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registered investment companies	\$ 3,237,462	-	-	\$ 3,237,462
Exchange traded funds	5,966,403	-	-	5,966,403
Common stocks	3,349,076	-	-	3,349,076
Bonds	-	1,328,285	-	1,328,285
Interest-bearing cash	127,227	-	-	127,227
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 12,680,168</u>	<u>1,328,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 14,008,453</u>

**NOTE 4: 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.

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**NOTE 6: TAX STATUS**

The Company has adopted the CCH Incorporated, DBA ftwilliam.com Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan with CODA. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has informed CCH Incorporated, DBA ftwilliam.com in a letter dated June 30, 2020, 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.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognizes 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 7: PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are managed by Charles Schwab Trust Bank. Charles Schwab Trust Bank is the custodian, as defined by the Plan, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Any purchase and sales 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 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 Charles Schwab Trust Bank, other investment custodians, and investment advisors.

Additionally, the Plan Sponsor, Alden Leeds, 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.

**NOTE 8: NON-EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS**

During the Plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company failed to remit timely to the Plan's custodian certain employee contributions totaling \$85,657 and \$92,106, respectively, during the period prescribed by the Department of Labor regulations. Delays in remitting contributions to the custodian were due to administrative errors, and subsequent to year end the Company will make contributions to the affected participant's accounts to compensate those participants for potential lost earnings due to the delay.

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**NOTE 9: 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 10: 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 October 13, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **Supplemental Schedules**

EPSTEIN AFFILIATED COMPANIES 401(K) PENSION PLAN

EIN 22-1683651

PLAN NUMBER: 002

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>Registered Investment Companies</u>			
	ALLSPRING CORE PLUS BOND	Registered Investment Company	** \$	59,639
	ALLSPRING INCOME PLUS IN	Registered Investment Company	**	82,992
	BLACKROCK HIGH YIELD INS à	Registered Investment Company	**	119,710
	BLACKROCK STRATEGIC INCO	Registered Investment Company	**	75,344
	DOUBLELINE CORE FIXED IN	Registered Investment Company	**	4,563
	DOUBLELINE CORE FIXED IN à	Registered Investment Company	**	66,165
	GOLDMAN SACHS GLOBAL COR	Registered Investment Company	**	27,421
	GOLDMAN SACHS GLOBAL COR à	Registered Investment Company	**	88,104
	JANUS HENDERSON FLEXIBLE à	Registered Investment Company	**	85,745
	LOOMIS SAYLES INVESTMENT	Registered Investment Company	**	76,243
	NYLI MACKAY HIGH YIELD C	Registered Investment Company	**	8,701
	NYLI MACKAY HIGH YIELD C à	Registered Investment Company	**	241,540
	PIMCO INTERNATIONAL BOND	Registered Investment Company	**	13,433
	PIMCO INTERNATIONAL BOND à	Registered Investment Company	**	168,438
	SEGALL BRYANT & HAMILL P à	Registered Investment Company	**	65,086
	TCW EMERGING MARKETS INC	Registered Investment Company	**	12,926
	TCW EMERGING MARKETS INC à	Registered Investment Company	**	115,250
	THOMPSON BOND à	Registered Investment Company	**	32,885
	VALUE LINE SMALL CAP OPP	Registered Investment Company	**	40,269
	VANECK EMERGING MARKETS	Registered Investment Company	**	34,499
	VANGUARD HIGH-YIELD CORP	Registered Investment Company	**	83,188
	Total Registered Investment Companies			1,502,141
	<u>Common Stocks</u>			
	ADOBE INC	Common Stock	**	17,343
	AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES INC	Common Stock	**	9,807
	ALPHABET INC	Common Stock	**	126,452
	AMAZON.COM INC	Common Stock	**	93,241
	AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	Common Stock	**	38,879
	APPLE INC	Common Stock	**	139,234
	APPLOVIN CORP	Common Stock	**	31,412
	ARES CAP CORP à	Common Stock	**	42,203
	AUTOZONE INC	Common Stock	**	16,010
	AVERY DENNISON CORP	Common Stock	**	14,783
	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY	Common Stock	**	11,785
	BLUE OWL CAP CORP à	Common Stock	**	48,097
	CARLYLE SECD LENDING INC à	Common Stock	**	46,334
	CHARLES SCHWAB CORP	Common Stock	**	28,568
	COSTCO WHSL CORP NEW	Common Stock	**	23,823
	CRESCENT CAP BDC INC à	Common Stock	**	53,788
	D R HORTON INC	Common Stock	**	7,970
	DANAHER CORP	Common Stock	**	23,873
	DISNEY WALT CO	Common Stock	**	20,934
	FISERV INC	Common Stock	**	14,790
	FRANKLIN BSP REALTY TRUS	Common Stock	**	29,657
	FS KKR CAPITAL CORP à	Common Stock	**	11,420
	GENERAC HLDGS INC	Common Stock	**	10,388
	GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP	Common Stock	**	15,019
	GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	Common Stock	**	18,896
	GOLUB CAP BDC INC à	Common Stock	**	40,023
	HCA HEALTHCARE INC	Common Stock	**	21,010
	HOME DEPOT INC	Common Stock	**	36,176

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	HUBBELL INC	Common Stock	**	12,986
	JEFFERIES FINL GROUP INC	Common Stock	**	11,290
	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	Common Stock	**	10,702
	JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	Common Stock	**	23,252
	KKR REAL ESTATE FIN TR I	Common Stock	**	18,241
	L3HARRIS TECHNOLOGIES IN	Common Stock	**	14,720
	LOWES COS INC	Common Stock	**	34,552
	MARRIOTT INTL INC NEW	Common Stock	**	10,321
	MASTERCARD INC	Common Stock	**	45,285
	META PLATFORMS INC	Common Stock	**	98,366
	MICROSOFT CORP	Common Stock	**	118,020
	MIDCAP FINL INVESTMENT C à	Common Stock	**	46,013
	NIKE INC	Common Stock	**	10,669
	NORDSON CORP	Common Stock	**	9,416
	NOVO-NORDISK A S F	Common Stock	**	11,785
	PARKER-HANNIFIN CORP	Common Stock	**	22,261
	PENNANTPARK INVT CORP à	Common Stock	**	12,877
	SALESFORCE INC	Common Stock	**	34,102
	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO	Common Stock	**	21,756
	SLR INVESTMENT CORP	Common Stock	**	48,464
	SNAP ON INC	Common Stock	**	15,616
	STELLUS CAPITAL INVESTME à	Common Stock	**	26,279
	STRYKER CORP	Common Stock	**	25,203
	TJX COS INC NEW	Common Stock	**	12,685
	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO	Common Stock	**	13,530
	TRANE TECHNOLOGIES PLC F	Common Stock	**	34,719
	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	Common Stock	**	11,400
	UNION PAC CORP	Common Stock	**	18,699
	UNITED ENERGY CORP NEV	Common Stock	**	440
	UNITED RENTALS INC	Common Stock	**	32,404
	UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	Common Stock	**	20,740
	VALLEY NATL BANCORP	Common Stock	**	2,772
	VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS I	Common Stock	**	16,511
	VISA INC	Common Stock	**	47,722
	Total Common Stocks			1,885,713
	<u>Exchange Traded Funds</u>			
	AMERICAN CENTURY	Exchange Traded Fund	**	252,785
	AMPLIFY DIGITAL PAYMENTS	Exchange Traded Fund	**	13,046
	CAPITAL GROUP CORE PLUS	Exchange Traded Fund	**	252,192
	ENERGY SELECT SECTOR	Exchange Traded Fund	**	21,758
	FIDELITY BLUE CHIP	Exchange Traded Fund	**	37,193
	FIDELITY VALUE FACTOR	Exchange Traded Fund	**	28,547
	FIDELITY WISE ORIGIN	Exchange Traded Fund	**	10,034
	FRST TRT LOW DTN OPNTS	Exchange Traded Fund	**	180,566
	FT RBA AMERICAN IND	Exchange Traded Fund	**	1,233
	HARTFORD TOTAL RETURN	Exchange Traded Fund	**	187,581
	INVESCO PHLX	Exchange Traded Fund	**	24,003
	INVSC SP 500 EQUAL	Exchange Traded Fund	**	53,174
	ISHARES BIOTECHNOLOGY	Exchange Traded Fund	**	18,509
	ISHARES CORE MSCI	Exchange Traded Fund	**	75,823
	ISHARES CORE MSCI EAFE	Exchange Traded Fund	**	148,572
	ISHARES CORE S&P 500	Exchange Traded Fund	**	27,668
	ISHARES CORE S&P SMALL	Exchange Traded Fund	**	34,451

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	ISHARES IBOXX INVT GRADE	Exchange Traded Fund	**	41,347
	ISHARES MSCI EAFE GROWTH	Exchange Traded Fund	**	27,403
	ISHARES RUSSELL 1000	Exchange Traded Fund	**	105,214
	ISHARES RUSSELL MID CAP	Exchange Traded Fund	**	54,255
	ISHARES S&P 500 VALUE	Exchange Traded Fund	**	158,240
	ISHARES SEMICONDUCTOR	Exchange Traded Fund	**	14,869
	ISHARES US TECHNOLOGY	Exchange Traded Fund	**	258,741
	PIMCO 0-5 YEAR HIGH YLD	Exchange Traded Fund	**	85,811
	PUTNAM BDC INCOME ETF	Exchange Traded Fund	**	24,163
	SCHWAB INTERNATIONAL	Exchange Traded Fund	**	9,546
	SELECT SECTOR HEALTH	Exchange Traded Fund	**	83,918
	SELECT SECTOR INDUSTRIAL	Exchange Traded Fund	**	71,809
	SELECT STR FINANCIAL	Exchange Traded Fund	**	64,279
	SPDR FUND CONSUMER	Exchange Traded Fund	**	11,005
	SPDR FUND MATERIALS	Exchange Traded Fund	**	24,316
	SPDR S&P 500 ETF IV	Exchange Traded Fund	**	171,721
	VANECK BDC INCOME ETF	Exchange Traded Fund	**	17,328
	VANECK BDC INCOME ETF à	Exchange Traded Fund	**	156,905
	VANECK DIGITAL INDIA	Exchange Traded Fund	**	1,508
	VANGUARD COMMUNICATION	Exchange Traded Fund	**	37,345
	VANGUARD CONSUMER	Exchange Traded Fund	**	82,959
	VANGUARD GROWTH ETF	Exchange Traded Fund	**	167,870
	VANGUARD MID CAP ETF	Exchange Traded Fund	**	101,954
	VANGUARD MID CAP GROWTH	Exchange Traded Fund	**	143,876
	VANGUARD MID CAP VALUE	Exchange Traded Fund	**	220,007
	VANGUARD REAL ESTATE	Exchange Traded Fund	**	4,899
	VANGUARD RUSSELL 1000	Exchange Traded Fund	**	287,061
	VANGUARD S&P 500 ETF	Exchange Traded Fund	**	375,012
	VANGUARD SHORT TERM COR	Exchange Traded Fund	**	135,737
	VANGUARD SMALL CAP ETF	Exchange Traded Fund	**	45,653
	VANGUARD SMALL CAP VALUE	Exchange Traded Fund	**	8,522
	VANGUARD VALUE ETF	Exchange Traded Fund	**	273,589
	WISDOMTREE EUROPE HEDGED	Exchange Traded Fund	**	39,960
	WISDOMTREE INTER HDG QLY	Exchange Traded Fund	**	7,390
	WISDOMTREE JAPAN HEDGED	Exchange Traded Fund	**	31,653
	WSDMTRE EMRG MKT EX STT	Exchange Traded Fund	**	17,556
	Total Exchange Traded Funds			4,730,556
	<u>Bonds</u>			
	BLACKSTONE MTG TR INC	Bond	**	20,091
	DLR DIGITAL RLTY TR INC	Bond	**	12,058
	SPG SIMON PPTY GROUP INC NEW	Bond	**	27,554
	TPG RE FIN TR INC	Bond	**	28,798
	ALPHABET INC.	Bond	**	4,816
	AUTONATION, INC	Bond	**	48,284
	BANK OF AMERICA	Bond	**	14,869
	BAXTER INTERNTL	Bond	**	9,667
	BRISTOL-MYERS SQ	Bond	**	48,712
	BROADCOM INC.	Bond	**	50,035
	BUNGE LIMITED FI	Bond	**	48,697
	CIMAREX ENERGY CO	Bond	**	9,675
	CITIGROUP INC	Bond	**	9,846
	COACH INC	Bond	**	24,894
	COMCAST CORP	Bond	**	9,734
	DENTSPLY SIRONA	Bond	**	44,113

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	ENERGY TRANSFER	Bond	**	9,976
	FEDERAL NTNL MORT	Bond	**	1,194
	FHLMC	Bond	**	2,578
	HYATT HOTELS COR	Bond	**	49,911
	HYATT HOTELS CORP	Bond	**	49,560
	JPMORGAN CHASE	Bond	**	9,872
	LOCKHEED MARTIN	Bond	**	25,738
	METLIFE, INC.	Bond	**	9,970
	NEW HAVEN CONN	Bond	**	42,188
	NEXTERA ENERGY CAPI	Bond	**	49,423
	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	Bond	**	49,772
	SALINE CNTY ARK	Bond	**	24,758
	SUNOCO LOGISTICS	Bond	**	9,853
	THE GOLDMAN SACH	Bond	**	14,929
	THE J. M. SMUCKER	Bond	**	26,315
	TWDC ENTERPRISES	Bond	**	49,452
	U.S. BANCORP	Bond	**	9,770
	UNDER ARMOUR, IN	Bond	**	9,675
	WARNER BROS. DIS	Bond	**	14,209
	WELLS FARGO & CO	Bond	**	9,891
	ZOETIS INC	Bond	**	49,936
	Total Bonds			930,813
	<u>Interest-bearing Cash</u>			
	Charles Schwab Bank Deposit Accounts	Interest-bearing Cash		82,625
	Total Investments			\$ <u>9,131,848</u>

\* Denotes party-in-interest

\*\* Not applicable as all investments are participant-directed

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a – SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total That Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			
Check Here If Late Participant Loan Repayments Are Included  <input type="checkbox"/>	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51
\$ 85,657	\$ 85,657	-	-	-
\$ 92,106	\$ 92,106	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-

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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
	ENERGY TRANSFER	Bond	**	9,976
	FEDERAL NTNL MORT	Bond	**	1,194
	FHLMC	Bond	**	2,578
	HYATT HOTELS COR	Bond	**	49,911
	HYATT HOTELS CORP	Bond	**	49,560
	JPMORGAN CHASE	Bond	**	9,872
	LOCKHEED MARTIN	Bond	**	25,738
	METLIFE, INC.	Bond	**	9,970
	NEW HAVEN CONN	Bond	**	42,188
	NEXTERA ENERGY CAPI	Bond	**	49,423
	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	Bond	**	49,772
	SALINE CNTY ARK	Bond	**	24,758
	SUNOCO LOGISTICS	Bond	**	9,853
	THE GOLDMAN SACH	Bond	**	14,929
	THE J. M. SMUCKER	Bond	**	26,315
	TWDC ENTERPRISES	Bond	**	49,452
	U.S. BANCORP	Bond	**	9,770
	UNDER ARMOUR, IN	Bond	**	9,675
	WARNER BROS. DIS	Bond	**	14,209
	WELLS FARGO & CO	Bond	**	9,891
	ZOETIS INC	Bond	**	49,936
	Total Bonds			930,813
	<u>Interest-bearing Cash</u>			
	Charles Schwab Bank Deposit Accounts	Interest-bearing Cash		82,625
	Total Investments			\$ <u>9,131,848</u>

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