

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: ELITE ASSOCIATES HOLDING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 004
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2021
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): ELITE ASSOCIATES HOLDING, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 45-4006796
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 714-256-8400
2d Business code (see instructions): 424400

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

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

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

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	124
<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>	107
	<b>6a(2)</b>	108
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	13
	<b>6d</b>	121
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	121
	<b>6g(1)</b>	124
	<b>6g(2)</b>	121
<b>h</b>	4	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

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

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

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

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

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

- (1)  **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)  **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)  **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4)  **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)  **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)  **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>ELITE ASSOCIATES HOLDING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>004</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ELITE ASSOCIATES HOLDING, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>45-4006796</b>

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	102014	37331
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	1073733	1073733
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	21914094	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	0	47217
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>		
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	27700000	41700000
(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	50789841	42858281
<b>Liabilities</b>			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	18216	36218
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	23006042	22330314
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	23024258	22366532
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	27765583	20491749

**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)	1471315	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		1471315
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	2096	
(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)		2096
(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)	14000000	
(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 .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		-21914094
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		-6440683

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	434660	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		434660
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		398005
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>	486	
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		486
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		833151

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		-7273834
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **FORVIS MAZARS**

(2) EIN: **44-0160260**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ELITE ASSOCIATES HOLDING, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>45-4006796</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): 82-2776390

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

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



# **Elite Associates Holding, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust**

EIN 45-4006796 PN 004

**Independent Auditor's Report, Financial Statements  
and Supplemental Schedule**

December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled)



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## Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Administrator, Plan Management and Plan Trustees  
Elite Associates Holding, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust  
Brea, California

### ***Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements***

We have audited the financial statements of Elite Associates Holding, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2024 Financial Statements).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Elite Associates Holding, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements***

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 2024 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Elite Associates Holding, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 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 Elite Associates Holding, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that these 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 2024 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 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 Elite Associates Holding, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Elite Associates Holding, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

### ***2024 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

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

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

***Other Matter – 2023 Financial Statement Compiled***

We performed a compilation engagement with respect to the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023. Management is responsible for the 2023 statement of net assets available for benefits in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed the compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the 2023 statement of net assets available for benefits nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the 2023 statement of net assets available for benefits.

***Forvis Mazars, LLP***

**Indianapolis, Indiana  
October 8, 2025**

Federal Employer Identification Number: 44-0160260

Elite Associates Holding, Inc.  
Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust  
Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
December 31, 2024

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>(Audited) Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Investments</b> , at fair value			
Elite Associates Holding, Inc. common stock	\$ 4,170,000	\$ 37,530,000	\$ 41,700,000
Money market account	48,329	-	48,329
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>4,218,329</u>	<u>37,530,000</u>	<u>41,748,329</u>
<b>Receivables</b>			
Employer contributions	-	1,073,733	1,073,733
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>4,218,329</u>	<u>38,603,733</u>	<u>42,822,062</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Note payable	-	23,006,042	23,006,042
Interest payable	-	398,004	398,004
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,404,046</u>	<u>23,404,046</u>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	<u>\$ 4,218,329</u>	<u>\$ 15,199,687</u>	<u>\$ 19,418,016</u>

Elite Associates Holding, Inc.  
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Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
December 31, 2023

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>(Compiled) Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Investments, at fair value</b>			
Elite Associates Holding, Inc. common stock	\$ 1,846,667	\$ 25,853,333	\$ 27,700,000
<b>Receivables</b>			
Employer contributions	-	1,073,733	1,073,733
<b>Non-interest bearing cash</b>			
	83,798	-	83,798
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>1,930,465</u>	<u>26,927,066</u>	<u>28,857,531</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Note payable	-	23,670,279	23,670,279
Interest payable	-	409,496	409,496
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,079,775</u>	<u>24,079,775</u>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	<u>\$ 1,930,465</u>	<u>\$ 2,847,291</u>	<u>\$ 4,777,756</u>

**Elite Associates Holding, Inc.  
Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust  
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>(Audited) Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Additions</b>			
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 12,600,000	\$ 14,000,000
Interest income	2,096	-	2,096
Net investment income	<u>1,402,096</u>	<u>12,600,000</u>	<u>14,002,096</u>
<b>Contributions</b>			
Employer contributions	397,582	1,073,733	1,471,315
Allocation of 3,333 shares of common stock, at fair value	923,332	-	923,332
	<u>1,320,914</u>	<u>1,073,733</u>	<u>2,394,647</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,723,010</u>	<u>13,673,733</u>	<u>16,396,743</u>
<b>Deductions</b>			
Benefits paid	434,660	-	434,660
Interest expense		398,005	398,005
Other	486	-	486
Allocation of 3,333 shares of common stock at fair value		923,332	923,332
	<u>435,146</u>	<u>1,321,337</u>	<u>1,756,483</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>435,146</u>	<u>1,321,337</u>	<u>1,756,483</u>
<b>Net Increase</b>	2,287,864	12,352,396	14,640,260
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year (Compiled)</b>	<u>1,930,465</u>	<u>2,847,291</u>	<u>4,777,756</u>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits, End of Year (Audited)</b>	<u><u>\$ 4,218,329</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,199,687</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,418,016</u></u>

## **Note 1. Description of the Plan**

The following description of the Elite Associates Holding, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document and *Summary Plan Description* for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, which are available from the Plan Administrator.

### **General**

Effective January 1, 2021, the Plan was established by Elite Associates Holding, Inc. (Employer or Company) to provide funds to participants to enable them to acquire stock ownership interest in the Company. The Plan operates, in relevant part, as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Code) and is subject to the applicable provisions of the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974*, as amended (ERISA). The Plan is administered by a third-party trustee. Integrated Retirement Plan Solutions, LLC serves as recordkeeper of the Plan.

On September 30, 2021, the Plan purchased 100,000 shares of the Company's common stock with a loan of \$25,000,000. The loan is due to be paid in full by 2051 (Note 7). The common stock is held in a trust.

### **Unallocated and Allocated Shares**

The borrowing is collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock and is guaranteed by the Company. The lender has no rights against shares once they are allocated to participants in accordance with the terms of the ESOP. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2024 present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

- (A) The accounts of employees with vested rights in allocated common stock (Allocated), and
- (B) Common stock not yet allocated to employees (Unallocated)

Shares are released from collateral and become allocated generally in the period in which debt service is actually paid.

### **Eligibility**

Employees of the Company who are at least age 21 and have completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year are generally eligible to participate in the Plan. Plan entry is December 31st. Participants who do not have at least 1,000 hours of service during such Plan year or are not employed on the last working day of a Plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of Company contributions for such year. Participants are eligible upon termination if due to death, disability or retirement on or after normal retirement age of 65.

Participants covered by a collective bargaining agreement or that are considered a leased employee are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

### **Employer Contributions**

The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan's dividends and interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its term loan along with making scheduled benefit payments to participants.

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Contributions are allocated to participants based on their eligible compensation during the year, subject to the maximum amount permitted under the IRC. Employee and rollover contributions are not permitted. Company advances as described in Note 8 may also be converted to an employer contribution.

***Participant Accounts***

The Plan is a defined-contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of shares of the Company's common stock released by the trustee from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation. Employer contributions are allocated to each participant's account based upon the relation of the participant's compensation to total compensation for the Plan year. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's beginning of the year account balance to all participants' beginning of the year account balances. Dividends are allocated either based on compensation or account balance at beginning of the year.

***Vesting***

Participants vest in the Company's contributions and earnings thereon at a rate of 20% for each year of service up to two years and 20% for each of the next four years, becoming fully vested upon completing six years of service of credited service. Participants terminating due to normal retirement, death or disability will be 100% vested. Allocated dividends are paid immediately are 100% vested and unallocated dividends are 100% vested after six years of credited service. For participants actively employed on January 1, 2021, and had commenced employment on or before December 31, 2018, will have service counted towards vesting prior to January 1, 2021. All others will have service counted towards vesting effective January 1, 2021.

***Put Option***

Under federal income tax regulations, the Company stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market or is subject to trading limitations includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the current appraised value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period of five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

***Payment of Benefits***

The method of distribution shall be determined by the Plan Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and approved policy. Benefit distributions equal to the participant's vested account balance are payable to the participant or the participant's beneficiaries no later than one year following the close of the Plan year upon normal retirement (age 65) or upon death or disability. Effective January 1, 2024, terminated participants, other than those noted above, will receive a lump-sum benefit payment if the participant's account balance is less than \$7,000. Prior to January 1, 2024, terminated participants, other than those noted above, will receive a lump-sum benefit payment if the participant's account balance is less than \$5,000.

Distributions for terminated participants, other than those noted above, whose account balance is greater than \$7,000, effective January 1, 2024, and \$5,000, prior to January 1, 2024, will have benefit payments paid in five annual installments. If a participant's account balance is greater than \$1,080,000, as adjusted for the increases in cost of living, the installment period may be extended by one year plus an additional year for each additional \$215,000 in excess of \$1,080,000, as adjusted for the increases in cost of living, not to exceed an additional five annual installments.

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The amount to be distributed is based upon the immediately preceding valuation date. Distributions are made in cash or, if a participant elects, in the form of Company common shares plus cash for any fractional share. Distributions of participants' accounts holding Company stock previously acquired with the proceeds of an exempt loan will be delayed until the close of the Plan year in which such exempt loan is repaid in full. Redemption of all common stock is required by the Plan Sponsor.

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, Plan assets include approximately \$279,000 and \$315,000, respectively, allocated to accounts of terminated or retired participants who have elected to withdraw from the Plan but have not yet been paid.

### ***Voting Rights***

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account and is notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The Trustee is not permitted to vote any allocated share for which a participant has not given instructions. The Trustee is required, however, to vote any unallocated shares on behalf of the collective best interest of Plan participants and beneficiaries.

### ***Diversification***

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company common stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the number of shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%. Terminated participants who elect to diversify receive either cash or share distributions, at the Plan Administrator's discretion. In the case of participants that are employed by the Company, the Plan Administrator may transfer cash to the participants' Company 401(k) plan accounts.

### ***Forfeitures***

Forfeitures result from termination of employment under circumstances which do not entitle the participant to be fully vested in the participant's accounts and occur on the earlier of the date benefits are paid or the occurrence of five consecutive breaks in service. The nonvested portion of participant account balances are forfeited upon termination of employment. Participants who are 0% vested at termination will be deemed to have been paid and will forfeit immediately. Forfeited nonvested account balances of terminated participants are reallocated to accounts of remaining participants. Forfeitures are allocated in the same manner as Employer contributions. Approximately 65 shares and \$19,700 in cash were forfeited during 2024.

### ***Reinstatement***

If a participant becomes a former participant due to severance from employment with the employer and is reemployed before incurring five consecutive one year breaks-in-service, the participant may immediately re-enter the Plan and any forfeited amount will be automatically recredited (without interest) to the participant's account.

If a participant becomes a former participant due to severance from employment with the employer and is reemployed after incurring five consecutive one year breaks-in-service, no forfeited amount will be restored to the participant's account.

### ***Administrative Expenses***

The Plan pays for certain expenses incurred by the trustee that are directly related to the administration, execution and interpretation of the Plan.

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***Plan Termination***

The Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to Plan provisions. Upon such termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or the participant's beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the Code. Upon termination of the Plan, the Committee shall direct the trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the trust fund and to sell shares of financed stock held as collateral to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay the loan.

**Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Accounting***

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

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The valuation of Elite Associates Holding, Inc. common stock held by the Plan is particularly subject to change in the near term.

***Investment Valuation and Income Recognition***

The common shares of the Company are valued at fair value as determined by the ESOP Trustee. The Trustee utilizes an annual independent appraisal as the basis for their determination of fair value. Other investments are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method. Dividend income, if any, is accrued on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

***Payment of Benefits***

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

***Plan Tax Status***

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on December 5, 2023 in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving its determination letter. However, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

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

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**Note 3. Administration of Plan Assets**

The trustee of the Plan holds the Plan's assets, which consist principally of Company common stock.

Company contributions are held and managed by the trustee, which invests cash received, interest and dividend income and makes distributions to participants. The trustee also administers the payment of interest and principal on the loan, which is reimbursed to the trustee through contributions as determined by the Company.

**Note 4. Dividends**

The Company paid no dividends to the Plan during 2024.

**Note 5. Investments**

The Plan's investments, at December 31, 2024 and 2023, are presented in the following tables:

	<b>2024 (Audited)</b>		
	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market account	<u>\$ 48,329</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 48,329</u>
Company common stock:			
Number of shares	<u>10,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Cost	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 22,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000,000</u>
Estimated fair value	<u>\$ 4,170,000</u>	<u>\$ 37,530,000</u>	<u>\$ 41,700,000</u>

	<b>2023 (Compiled)</b>		
	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Company common stock:			
Number of shares	<u>6,667</u>	<u>93,333</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Cost	<u>\$ 1,666,750</u>	<u>\$ 23,333,250</u>	<u>\$ 25,000,000</u>
Estimated fair value	<u>\$ 1,846,667</u>	<u>\$ 25,853,333</u>	<u>\$ 27,700,000</u>

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**Note 6. Disclosures About Fair Value of Assets**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

**Recurring Measurements**

The following tables present the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<b>2024 (Audited)</b>			
	<b>Fair Value Measurements Using</b>			
<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>	
Elite Associates Holding, Inc. common stock	\$ 41,700,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,700,000
Money market account	48,329	48,329	-	-
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 41,748,329</u>	<u>\$ 48,329</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 41,700,000</u>

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	2023 (Compiled)			
	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
		(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Elite Associates Holding, Inc. common stock	\$ 27,700,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,700,000

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the year ended December 31, 2024. The Plan had no liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. In addition, the Plan had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. For assets classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, the process used to develop the reported fair value is described below.

**Investments**

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 investments include a money market account. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or discounted cash flows. There are no Level 2 securities held by the Plan. In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy and include Master Magnetics, Inc. common stock.

Fair value determinations for Level 3 measurements of securities are the responsibility of the Plan trustee. The Plan trustee contracts with an independent valuation specialist to generate fair value estimates on an annual basis. The Plan trustee challenges the reasonableness of the assumptions used and reviews the methodology to ensure the estimated fair value complies with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States.

The fair value of the common stock is determined by annual independent appraisals made by Stout Risius Ross, LLC as of December 31, 2024 (\$417/share) and December 31, 2023 (\$277/share) and approved by Trustee and Plan management. The Plan's Trustee is responsible for engaging the valuation specialist including evaluation of the specialist for appropriate credentials. In addition, the Trustee is responsible for reviewing the overall assumptions made in the valuation report for reasonableness, and finally approves the valuation report. The valuation specialists uses various valuation techniques, including the market approach in the form of the guideline public company method and the income approach in the form of the capitalization of cash flow method and the discounted future cash flow method, all on a debt-free basis. The appraisal also included a discount for lack of marketability of 5%,

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while 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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**Level 3 Reconciliation**

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of recurring fair value measurements recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits using significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs:

Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 27,700,000
Total unrealized gains	<u>14,000,000</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 41,700,000</u></u>

For the year ended December 31, 2024, realized and unrealized gains and losses included in net increase in net assets available for benefits for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, are reported in net appreciation in fair value of investments in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

**Note 7. Note Payable**

On September 29, 2017, the Plan entered into a \$25,000,000 term loan agreement with the Company. The note bears interest at 1.73% and matures on August 31, 2051. The note requires annual payments of \$1,073,733. The proceeds of the loan were used to purchase the Company's common stock. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. After the initial purchase of 100,000 shares, shares will be released from collateral and allocated to participants as payments of principal and interest are made. The number of shares released in any year is the number of shares held as collateral, times the ratio of the current year payments divided by the total of the year's payments, plus all future years' principal and interest payments. Principal payments in the amount of \$664,237 and interest payments in the amount of \$409,496 were made during the year ended December 31, 2024. Principal payments in the amount of \$652,941 and interest payments in the amount of \$420,792 were made during the year ended December 31, 2023.

The scheduled amortization of the loan for the next four years and thereafter is as follows:

2025	\$ 675,728
2026	687,418
2027	699,310
2028	711,408
2029	723,716
2030-2050	<u>19,508,462</u>
	<u><u>\$ 23,006,042</u></u>

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**Note 8. Company Advances**

During the Plan years ended December 31, 2024 the Company advanced \$397,583 , of cash to the Trust to cover the Plan’s distribution obligations. This advance was an interest-free loan to the Plan. No collateral has been taken for this loan. The Plan Administrator believes that the loan complies with the requirements of Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-26. The proceeds of the loan were used to fund cash distributions to participants. The advance was converted to a contribution as of the end of the Plan year.

**Note 9. Related-Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions**

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50 percent or more of such an employer or employee association, or relatives of such persons.

The Plan invests in Company common stock and has indebtedness guaranteed by the Company. The Plan has other service providers that are considered parties in interest under ERISA. The Company paid most of the administrative expenses during 2024.

The Company provides certain administrative services at no cost to the Plan.

**Note 10. 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 Form 5500:

	<b>2024</b> <b>(Audited)</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>(Compiled)</b>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits per the Financial Statements</b>	\$ 19,418,016	\$ 4,777,756
Uncashed checks	36,218	18,216
Benefit claims payable	(36,218)	(18,216)
Note payable	1,073,733	1,073,733
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500</b>	<u>\$ 20,491,749</u>	<u>\$ 5,851,489</u>

The note payable balance is adjusted for the committed to be released shares as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 which was not paid until July 2025 and July 2024, respectively.

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**Note 11. Risk and Uncertainties**

The Plan primarily invests in Company common stock, which is exposed to various risks, such as market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with such investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risk in the near term could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. At December 31, 2024 and 2023 the Plan's investment in company stock represented 97% and 96%, respectively, of the Plan's assets.

**Note 12. Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 8, 2025 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **Supplemental Schedule**

**Elite Associates Holding, Inc.**  
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**EIN 45-4006796 PN 004**  
**Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**  
**December 31, 2024**

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment (Including Nature of Investment, i.e., Bond, Stock, Note, etc.; Maturity Date, Interest Rate, Number of Shares, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value, etc.)	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
<b>Common Stock</b>			
*Elite Associates Holding, Inc. common stock	100,000 shares	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 41,700,000
*Huntington Business Premier Plus Money Market Account	48,329 shares	<u>48,329</u>	<u>48,329</u>
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\*Party-in-interest

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan, a multiple-employer plan, a single-employer plan, a DFE, etc.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report, etc.
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.
D Check box if filing under: Form 5558, automatic extension, special extension, the DFVC program, etc.
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: Elite Associates Holding, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 004
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2021
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): Elite Associates Holding, Inc.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 45-4006796
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 714-256-8400
2d Business code (see instructions): 424400

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 signature of Doug Snider and date 10/14/2025.

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

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ELITE ASSOCIATES HOLDING, INC.

EIN: 45-4006796; PLAN NUMBER 004

Statement Regarding Change in Methodology

SCHEDULE H – Part I, Line 1b(3) and Part II, Line 2c

December 31, 2024

Please note that the methodology for reporting financial information for this qualified retirement plan (the “ESOP”) in 2024 has changed from the methodology used in earlier years. In 2021 through 2023, the ESOP’s assets included a receivable for the contributions required from the plan sponsor to allow the ESOP to satisfy its outstanding acquisition loan. This resulted in the “net assets” that equaled the value that an independent third party would pay for the ESOP’s stock, plus the value of other assets held by the ESOP. The methodology used by the IQPA for 2024 does not consider this receivable.

The change in the accounting methodology used is reflected by showing the 2023 receivable on Schedule H, Part III, Line 1b(3), and then reflecting the removal of the receivable from the accounting for 2024 on Schedule H, Part II, Line 2c.

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