

<p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; text-align: center;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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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.)

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

<p>1a Name of plan <u>CME CORP. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>CLAFLIN SERVICE COMPANY DBA CME CORPORATION</u></p> <p><u>1206 JEFFERSON BLVD.</u> <u>WARWICK, RI 02886</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2023</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>05-0377434</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>401-921-8232</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>423800</u></p>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2025	JOSEPH TREPANIER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	330
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	330
	6a(2)	291
	6b	0
	6c	30
	6d	321
	6e	0
	6f	321
	6g(1)	261
6g(2)	320	
6h	20	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
20 2J 2K 2H

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input 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)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

A Name of plan CME CORP. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CLAFLIN SERVICE COMPANY DBA CME CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 05-0377434	

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)

(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"/>

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

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			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a 570	510
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1) 11799	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	
(3) Other	1b(3)	
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	9722250	42229332
(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	9734619	42229842
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	9000072	8418244
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	9000072	8418244
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	734547	33811598

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	1019443	
(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)		1019443
b Earnings on investments:			
(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)	32507082	
(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)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		33526525

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)		
(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)		0
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		449414
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	60	
(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)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		60
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		449474

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		33077051
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: CBIZ CPAS P.C.

(2) EIN: 43-1947695

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Name of plan <u>CME CORP. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>CLAFLIN SERVICE COMPANY DBA CME CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>05-0377434</u>	

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

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

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): 93-2854982

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

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



**Financial Statements
and Supplementary Information**

**CME Corp
Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

December 31, 2024 and 2023

**CME CORP
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

***Financial Statements
and Supplementary Information***

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors
CME Corp Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Providence, Rhode Island

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the CME Corp Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the 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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, the 2024 and 2023 financial statements include Plan sponsor securities fair valued at \$42,229,332 and \$9,722,250, respectively, (99.9% of Plan investments) whose fair value has been estimated by Applied Economics, LLC, an independent appraisal firm, in the absence of readily ascertainable market values. We have examined the procedures used by the independent appraisal firm in arriving at its estimate of the fair value of such securities and have inspected underlying documentation and, under the circumstances, believe that such procedures are reasonable and the documentation appropriate. However, because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material.

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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

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

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

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying supplemental 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.

CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Providence, Rhode Island
October 14, 2025

**CME CORP
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31,

Assets	2024			2023		
	<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Unallocated</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Unallocated</i>	<i>Total</i>
Investments at fair value:						
Claflin Service Company common stock (450 shares with a cost basis of \$9,035,578 for 2024 and 2023)	\$ 3,812,370	\$ 38,416,962	\$ 42,229,332	\$ 67,516	\$ 9,654,734	\$ 9,722,250
Non-interest bearing cash	510	-	510	570	-	570
Accounts receivable:						
Employer contributions	-	-	-	-	11,799	11,799
Total assets	3,812,880	38,416,962	42,229,842	68,086	9,666,533	9,734,619
Liabilities						
Loans payable	-	8,418,244	8,418,244	-	9,000,072	9,000,072
Total liabilities	-	8,418,244	8,418,244	-	9,000,072	9,000,072
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 3,812,880	\$ 29,998,718	\$ 33,811,598	\$ 68,086	\$ 666,461	\$ 734,547

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**CME CORP
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Unallocated</i>	<i>Total</i>
Additions to net assets attributed to:			
Investment income:			
Net appreciation in fair value of			
Claflin Service Company common stock	\$ <u>225,745</u>	\$ <u>32,281,337</u>	\$ <u>32,507,082</u>
Contributions:			
Mandatory under the loans payable	-	1,019,443	1,019,443
Allocation of 37.5 shares of Claflin Service Company common stock, at fair value	<u>3,519,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,519,109</u>
Total contributions	<u>3,519,109</u>	<u>1,019,443</u>	<u>4,538,552</u>
Total additions to net assets	<u>3,744,854</u>	<u>33,300,780</u>	<u>37,045,634</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:			
Interest expense	-	449,414	449,414
Other expense	60	-	60
Allocation of 37.5 shares of Claflin Service Company common stock, at fair value	<u>-</u>	<u>3,519,109</u>	<u>3,519,109</u>
Total deductions from net assets	<u>60</u>	<u>3,968,523</u>	<u>3,968,583</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	3,744,794	29,332,257	33,077,051
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>68,086</u>	<u>666,461</u>	<u>734,547</u>
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u>\$ 3,812,880</u>	<u>\$ 29,998,718</u>	<u>\$ 33,811,598</u>

**CME CORP
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Unallocated</i>	<i>Total</i>
Additions to net assets attributed to:			
Investment income:			
Net appreciation in fair value of			
Claflin Service Company common stock	\$ <u>571</u>	\$ <u>686,101</u>	\$ <u>686,672</u>
Contributions:			
Mandatory under the loans payable	-	85,554	85,554
Allocation of 3.13 shares of Claflin Service Company common stock, at fair value	<u>67,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,515</u>
Total contributions	<u>67,515</u>	<u>85,554</u>	<u>153,069</u>
Total additions to net assets	<u>68,086</u>	<u>771,655</u>	<u>839,741</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:			
Interest expense	-	37,649	37,649
Other expense	-	30	30
Allocation of 3.13 shares of Claflin Service Company common stock, at fair value	<u>-</u>	<u>67,515</u>	<u>67,515</u>
Total deductions from net assets	<u>-</u>	<u>105,194</u>	<u>105,194</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	68,086	666,461	734,547
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u>\$ 68,086</u>	<u>\$ 666,461</u>	<u>\$ 734,547</u>

CME CORP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the CME Corp Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s information.

General

The Plan was established January 1, 2023 to provide retirement benefits to eligible employees of Claflin Service Company (the “Employer” or “Company”). Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan retroactively to the first day of the Plan Year (January 1) during which they first complete 1,000 hours of service, except for leased employees, non-resident aliens and those covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

Upon becoming eligible, the employees’ participation is based on the total covered compensation that they were paid for the entire Plan Year during which they became eligible to participate.

The Plan is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Plan operates as a leveraged non-contributory, non-participant directed 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 (“IRC”), and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to the accounts of employees with rights in allocated common stock (allocated) and common stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated).

The Plan is leveraged whereby proceeds of borrowings of \$9,035,578 from the Employer and other related parties were used to purchase 450 shares of the Employer’s common shares. The stock is held in a trust established under the Plan. The borrowings are to be repaid by Employer contributions to the trust fund. The borrowings are collateralized by the unallocated shares of stock. The Employer has no rights against shares once they are allocated under the ESOP.

Employer Contributions and Allocations

The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan equal to the amount necessary to enable the Plan its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its loan to the Employer. Contributions to the Plan are determined on an annual basis by the Employer’s Board of Directors. Contributions for each year are allocated among participants:

- Who have met the eligibility requirements, and
- Who have completed 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year and
- Were employed by the Employer on the last day of the Plan year or
- Who terminated employment during the Plan year due to death, disability or retirement

CME CORP
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)

Employer Contributions and Allocations (Continued)

Allocations of Employer contributions and forfeitures are based on a participant's eligible compensation relative to total eligible compensation. Contributions to the Plan are subject to Internal Revenue Service limitations. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Employer contributed \$1,019,443 and \$85,554 respectively, to the Plan.

Vesting

Participants' vested interests are based on years of service. Participants begin vesting after two years of service and are 100% vested after six years of service. Participants are fully vested upon death, disability or attainment of normal retirement age.

Participant Accounts

Separate individual accounts are established for each participant. Each participant's account is adjusted for the fair value of the stock valued as of December 31, with pro rata allocations of Employer's contributions released by the Trustees from the unallocated account (if applicable), dividends, forfeitures of terminated employees non-vested accounts and any distributions they may have received during the year. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Put Option

Under federal income tax regulations, the Employer 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 the Company buy any shares of stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The purpose of the put option is to ensure the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash. A participant or beneficiary may offer the shares for sale.

Diversification

During each Annual Election Period in the Qualified Election Period, a Qualified Participant may elect to direct the Plan as to the investment of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the participant's Company Stock Account. In the year in which the participant can make his or her last election, they can direct the Plan as to the investment of up to fifty percent (50%) of the participant's Company Stock Account. The portion of a Qualified Participant's Plan account that is diversified pursuant to a Diversification Election cannot be reinvested in Company Stock.

**CME CORP
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)

Withdrawals and Distributions

Upon termination of service due to retirement, death or disability, as defined by the Plan, a participant will receive payment for the value of the vested shares in their account. For distributions of \$5,000 or less, a lump-sum payment will be made. For distributions exceeding \$5,000, payment will be made in five equal annual installments at the fair value of the stock as of December 31 of the year prior to distribution. Participants that terminate for reasons other than retirement, disability or death, may elect to receive payment for the value of the vested shares in their account. For distributions of \$5,000 or less, a lump-sum payment will be made in the year following their termination of employment. For distributions exceeding \$5,000, a participant may elect to receive payment of vested shares at the earlier of their five-year anniversary of their separation from the Employer or the date they reach their normal retirement date. Payments in these circumstances will also be made in five equal annual installments at the fair value of the stock as of December 31 of the year prior to distribution. If a participant should become deceased prior to commencing payment of their benefit, their beneficiary(ies) will receive payment for the value of the participant's vested shares within five years of the participant's date of death. Payment will be made in equal annual installments at the fair value of the stock as of December 31 of the year prior to distribution. The Plan Administrator may convert shares in the account of terminated participants into cash as determined by the Plan Administrator.

Voting Rights

All Company Stock held by the Trust shall be voted by the Trustee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Participants and/or Beneficiaries shall be entitled to direct the Trustee as to the voting of any voting shares of Company Stock allocated to their Company Stock Accounts with respect to any vote required for the approval or disapproval of any corporate merger or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, sale of substantially all the assets of a trade or business, or other similar transactions prescribed by regulation. The Trustee shall vote any unallocated shares held by the Trust as well as any allocated shares for which a Participant has failed to give timely voting direction.

Forfeitures

A participant who leaves the employ of the Employer forfeits any non-vested balance at the earlier of five consecutive breaks in service, defined as a 12 month period with less than 500 hours of service, or at the time the entire vested account is distributed to the Participant. Forfeited balances are reallocated each year on December 31 among eligible participants based upon their eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation for the Plan year. During the year ended December 31, 2024, \$1,783 of forfeitures were reallocated to eligible participants. During the year ended December 31, 2023, there were no forfeitures to be reallocated to eligible participants.

**CME CORP
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)

Plan Administration

The Plan's investment assets, which consist solely of common stock issued by the Employer, are held by the Trustees who manage the assets and make distributions to participants. The Plan's Trustees are officers, former employees or directors of the Employer. Officers and employees of the Employer perform certain administrative functions. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Certain Plan expenses are paid by the Employer.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

Allocations

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

Investments, Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at estimated fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments held during the year.

Benefits to Participants

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Subsequent Events

The Plan's management has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. Subsequent to year-end, the Board declared dividends and paid dividends to ESOP participants totaling \$2,100,000 on March 31, 2025.

Note 3 - Investments

Plan investments consist of Employer common stock. The value of the Employer's common stock was determined by an independent appraisal as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Independent appraisals set the fair value of the Employer's common stock at \$93,842.96 and \$21,605.00 per share at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Allocated and unallocated shares at December 31 are as follows:

	2024		
	<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Unallocated</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of shares	40.63	409.37	450.00
Cost	\$ 815,828	\$ 8,219,930	\$ 9,035,758
Estimated fair value	\$ 3,812,371	\$ 38,416,961	\$ 42,229,332
	2023		
	<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Unallocated</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of shares	3.13	446.87	450.00
Cost	\$ 62,848	\$ 8,972,910	\$ 9,035,758
Estimated fair value	\$ 67,516	\$ 9,654,734	\$ 9,722,250

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level I) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level III). Valuation techniques maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

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

Level II – 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; and
- 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 II input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level III – 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.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Employer's Common Stock

The Employer's common stock is valued at the estimated fair value based upon an independent appraisal as of the Plan's year end. The principal valuation techniques used in the appraisal were based upon a combination of the market and income valuation techniques. The appraiser considered the following unobservable inputs, historical and projected cash flow and net income, return on assets, return on equity, market comparables and estimated fair values of Employer assets and liabilities. Plan management has concluded, and the independent appraisers have agreed, that there is no discount for a limited marketability given the Employer's ability to honor put obligations when they arise.

The valuation process involves Plan management's selection of an independent appraiser. Plan management accumulates the data for the appraiser from the financial statements and forecasts of the Employer. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report which Plan Trustees review, discuss and approve.

The CME Corporation common stock at fair value held by the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 is \$42,229,332 and \$9,722,250, respectively. Based on the fair value hierarchy, the CME Corporation common stock is all Level III as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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Note 5 - Benefits Payable

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan had no shares of stock eligible for distribution to participants eligible to begin payment of their benefit. Payments are made in five annual installments at the fair value of the stock determined by an independent appraiser as of December 31 of the year prior to distribution.

Note 6 - Loan Payable

On December 4, 2023, the Plan entered into a term loan agreement with the Employer for \$9,035,758. The proceeds of the loan were used to purchase 450 shares of the Company's common stock. The shares are held in a trust established for the Plan. Unallocated shares are the collateral for the loan. As the loan is repaid, shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total compensation for the year. The loan agreement bears interest at 5% and provides for principal and interest payments to be repaid through November 2035 in annual installments due on December 31 of each year. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the outstanding balance on the loan amounted to \$8,418,244 and \$9,000,072, respectively.

Future minimum principal payments are as follows:

Years ending December 31:		
2025	\$	598,531
2026		628,457
2027		659,880
2028		692,874
2029		727,518
Thereafter		<u>5,110,984</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>8,418,244</u></u>

Note 7 - Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests primarily in Employer common stock. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Market risks include global events, such as an international conflict, which could impact the value of investment securities. 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 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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Note 8 - Tax Status

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on February 3, 2025, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

Note 9 - Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants become fully vested, liabilities to parties other than participants will be satisfied first, and assets then remaining will be distributed to the Participants in accordance with the distribution provisions of the Plan. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Employer may determine.

Note 10 - Related-Party Transactions and Party-in-Interest Transactions

A transaction involving Employer common stock is deemed to be a party-in-interest transaction. On December 4, 2023, the Plan purchased 450 shares of Employer common stock from the Employer at a share price of \$20,079 per share for a total purchase price of \$9,035,578.

Supplementary Information

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2024

<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>(d)</i>	<i>(e)</i>
	<i>Identity of Issue</i>	<i>Description of Investment</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Current Value</i>
*	Clafin Service Company Common Stock	450 shares of Common Stock	\$ 9,035,578	\$ <u>42,229,332</u>
				<u>\$ 42,229,332</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at the End of the Year)
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December 31, 2024

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identify of Issue, lessor or similar party	Decription of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	Cost	Current Value

Common Stock:

*	Clafin Service Company	450 shares of common stock @ \$93,842.96/share	\$ 9,035,578	\$ 42,229,332
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Deposit Accounts:

Pacific Premier Bank	Checking account	510.00	510.00
		\$ 9,036,088.00	\$ 42,229,842.00

* Indicates party-in-interest per ERISA