

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, a single-employer plan, a DFE, the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report.
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.
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: DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1999
2a Plan sponsor's name, mailing address, city or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 36-4149498
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 312-857-1006
2d Business code (see instructions): 541330

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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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	179
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)	130
	6a(2)	143
	6b	1
	6c	44
	6d	188
	6e	0
	6f	188
	6g(1)	174
	6g(2)	184
h	6h	5
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

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

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 DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-4149498	

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)

COMMONWEALTH EQUITY SERVICES LLC

29 SAWYER ROAD
WALTHAM, MA 02453-3483

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	32154	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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?
28	INVESTMENT MGMT	7297	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

JPMORGAN INVEST HOLDINGS LLC

13-2624428

(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?
64	RECORDKEEPER	510	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" 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
(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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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-4149498</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>JPMCB STABLE ASSET INCOME F15</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JP MORGAN</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>20-1978950-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>580433</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
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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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 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.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	155250	109329
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	690509	580433
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	13357505	16596491
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	14203264	17286253
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	0	0
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	14203264	17286253

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)	846048	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	1115529	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	352527	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	2314104
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	9776	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		9776
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	676330	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		676330
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	0	
(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)	0	
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)	0	
(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)	15888
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)	0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)	0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)	0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)	930099
c Other income	2c	33741
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d	3979938

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	856988
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)	856988
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f	0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g	0
h Interest expense.....	2h	0
i Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	510
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	39451
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	0
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)	39961
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j	896949

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k	3082989
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: **CHERRY BEKAERT LLP**

(2) EIN: **56-0574444**

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		250000
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>DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-4149498</u>	

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

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

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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
EIN(s): 84-1455663

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 11 / 14 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702518A.

**DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.
PROFIT SHARING AND 401(k) PLAN
AND TRUST**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

*As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and
for the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

And Report of Independent Auditor

**DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.
PROFIT SHARING AND 401(k) PLAN AND TRUST
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NOTE: All other schedules required under Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, have been omitted because they are not applicable.

Report of Independent Auditor

To the Plan Trustees and Participants
DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc.
Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan and Trust
Chicago, Illinois

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan and Trust (the “Plan”), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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.

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i as of December 31, 2024, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the 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 generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Cherry Bekaert LLP

Orland Park, Illinois
October 13, 2025

**DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.
PROFIT SHARING AND 401(k) PLAN AND TRUST
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 17,176,924	\$ 14,048,014
Receivables:		
Employer contribution	902,455	875,000
Notes receivable from participants	109,329	155,250
Total Receivables	<u>1,011,784</u>	<u>1,030,250</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u><u>\$ 18,188,708</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,078,264</u></u>

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

DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.
PROFIT SHARING AND 401(k) PLAN AND TRUST
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment Income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 945,987
Interest and dividends	676,330
Total Investment Income	<u>1,622,317</u>

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>9,776</u>
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Contributions:

Participants	1,115,529
Employer	873,503
Rollovers	352,527
Total Contributions	<u>2,341,559</u>

Other income	<u>33,741</u>
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Total Additions	<u>4,007,393</u>
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	856,988
Administrative expenses	39,961
Total Deductions	<u>896,949</u>

Net increase in net assets available for benefits	3,110,444
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Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>15,078,264</u>
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Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 18,188,708</u></u>
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.
PROFIT SHARING AND 401(k) PLAN AND TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

Note 1—Description of the Plan

The following description of the DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan and Trust (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General – The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc. (“Company”) who are age 21 or older and have completed one month of service, except for union employees, leased employees, part-time/temporary employees, non-resident aliens, and residents of Puerto Rico. Initial enrollment is available immediately after reaching eligibility. The Plan is subject to provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”).

Administration – The Company has designated certain employees, who serve without additional compensation, to administer the Plan. The Plan administrator has the overall responsibility and authority as the named fiduciary to manage and control the operations and administration of the Plan and may designate one or more individuals to perform those responsibilities.

Contributions – Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan Agreement. Participants have the option of contributing a percentage of their taxable compensation as a Roth contribution. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Plan Agreement provides for automatic enrollment of all newly eligible employees. For eligible employees who are automatically enrolled, a pre-tax deferral in the amount of 3% of eligible compensation will be contributed to the Plan unless the employee elects a different percentage or elects to not contribute to the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans and retained as rollover contributions. Contributions are subject to certain limitations as outlined in the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”).

The Company makes a safe harbor contribution on behalf of all active and terminated participants in the amount equal to 3% of eligible compensation. The Company may also make a discretionary nonelective contribution on behalf of participants who completed 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company made safe harbor contributions totaling \$507,105 and nonelective contributions totaling \$366,398.

Participant Accounts – Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions and Company safe harbor and nonelective contributions, and an allocation of Plan investment results. Participant accounts are charged with their withdrawals and an allocation of administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, specific participant transactions or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

Vesting – Participants are vested 100% immediately in their contributions, as well as the Company’s contributions under safe harbor provisions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company’s nonelective contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is vested after six years of credited service, at a rate of 20% per year after two years of service.

Investment Options – Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct the investment of their accounts into various investment options offered by the Plan. They may change their investment options among those investments provided at any time during the Plan year.

DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.
PROFIT SHARING AND 401(k) PLAN AND TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

Note 1—Description of the Plan (continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants – Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from 1 to 5 years, or up to 15 years for the purchase of a principal residence. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate is set at 1% above the prime rate, as defined. Loan rates ranged from 4.25% to 9.50% at December 31, 2024.

Payment of Benefits – Upon termination of service or attaining normal retirement age, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or periodic payments not exceeding the participant's life expectancy. In-service and hardship withdrawals are also allowed as defined in the Plan Agreement.

Forfeited Accounts – The nonvested portion of former participants' accounts may be used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan or to reduce the amount of the Company's contributions. The Plan administrator may also allocate forfeited accounts as an additional discretionary nonelective contribution in the forfeiture allocation Plan year. Forfeited accounts approximated \$8,400 and \$57,200 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2024, \$28,952 of forfeited nonvested accounts were used to reduce Company contributions and \$1,632 of forfeited nonvested accounts were used to pay Plan expenses. Additionally, \$35,000 of forfeited nonvested accounts were reallocated to participants' accounts as an additional discretionary nonelective contribution.

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of Presentation – The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. U.S. GAAP defines fair value as the exchange 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 (depreciation) in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the Plan year.

Investment Management Fees and Operating Expenses – Investment management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for certain investments are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Notes Receivable from Participants – Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of Benefits – Benefits are recorded when paid. There were no benefit payments requested and not yet disbursed at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

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Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Administrative Expenses – Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses.

Note 3—Information certified by the qualified institution (unaudited)

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Empower Trust Company, LLC, a qualified institution, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule:

- Investments at fair value and notes receivable from participants as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.
- Net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i as of December 31, 2024.

At the request of the Plan administrator, the Plan's independent auditor did not perform auditing procedures with respect to the certified investment information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

Note 4—Fair value measurements

U.S. GAAP provides a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

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

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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Note 4—Fair value measurements (continued)

The following are descriptions of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value, including the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual Funds – Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. The mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their net asset value (“NAV”) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded and are, therefore, classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Collective Trust Fund – Valued at NAV of units held by the Plan at year-end provided by the issuer of the fund. NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value and is based on the value of the underlying investment assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner. There are currently no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on these investments. Investments valued using NAV as a practical expedient are not reflected in the valuation hierarchy.

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

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 16,596,491	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,596,491
Investments measured at NAV *				580,433
Investments, at fair value				\$ 17,176,924

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 13,357,505	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,357,505
Investments measured at NAV *				690,509
Investments, at fair value				\$ 14,048,014

* Certain investments measured at fair value using NAV as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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Note 5—Related party and party-in-interest transactions

Certain administrative services are provided by the Company at no cost to the Plan and certain administrative costs incurred by the Plan are paid by the Company. The Plan has entered into various service agreements with parties-in-interest and includes certain Plan investments managed by an affiliate of JPMorgan Invest Holdings, LLC, the Plan recordkeeper. Notes receivable from participants and related activity also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

These party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

Note 6—Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their accounts.

Note 7—Income tax status

The Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) ruled on November 14, 2022, that the pre-approved plan of Empower Retirement, LLC, the document sponsor of which the Plan is based, is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receipt of the opinion letter. However, the Plan administrator believes the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 8—Risks and uncertainties

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

Note 9—Reconciliation of financial statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 18,188,708	\$ 15,078,264
Less employer contribution receivable at end of year	(902,455)	(875,000)
Net assets per Form 5500	<u>\$ 17,286,253</u>	<u>\$ 14,203,264</u>

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Note 9—Reconciliation of financial statements to Form 5500 (continued)

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

Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 3,110,444
Plus employer contribution receivable at beginning of year	875,000
Less employer contribution receivable at end of year	<u>(902,455)</u>
Net income per Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 3,082,989</u></u>

Note 10—Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated all subsequent events through October 13, 2025 which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued and has determined there are no subsequent events that require disclosure.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

DB STERLIN CONSULTANTS, INC.
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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i
EIN: 36-4149498, PLAN 001

DECEMBER 31, 2024

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party		Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value
Mutual Funds:			
	Allspring	Core Plus Bond Fund - Class Admin	\$ 350,961
	ALPS Funds	Smith Total Return Bond Fund - Class A	125,108
	American Funds	Europacific Growth Fund - Class R-3	178,601
	Blackrock	Global Allocation Fund, Inc. - Investor A Shares	66,893
	Blackrock	iShares U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Fund - Investor A Shares	109,204
	BNY Mellon	Small Cap Stock Index Fund - Investor Shares	274,855
	Calamos	Evolving World Growth Fund - Class A	197,556
	Fidelity	Emerging Market Index Fund	119,520
	Fidelity	Inflation-Protected Bond Index Fund	212,696
	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index Fund	1,025,742
	Hartford	International Value Fund - Class R5	193,626
	Jensen	Quality Growth Fund - Class J	314,618
*	JPMorgan	Equity Income Fund - Class A	287,656
*	JPMorgan	Equity Index Fund - Class I	1,486,492
*	JPMorgan	Large Cap Growth Fund - Class R6	14
*	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2020 Fund - Class A	510,091
*	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2025 Fund - Class A	549,613
*	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2030 Fund - Class A	2,282,579
*	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2035 Fund - Class A	782,011
*	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2040 Fund - Class A	2,608,805
*	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2045 Fund - Class A	1,934,149
*	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2050 Fund - Class A	1,971,547
*	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement Income Fund - Class A	132,717
	MFS	International Equity Fund - Class R6	61,009
	Neuberger & Berman	Genesis Fund Trust	178,012
	Nuveen	International Equity Index Fund - Retirement Class	207,501
	Nuveen	Large Cap Growth Index Fund - Retirement Class	54,552
	Nuveen	Large Cap Value Index Fund - Retirement Class	7,519
	Nuveen	Small Cap Blend Index Fund - Retirement Class	54,553
	PIMCO	International Bond Fund (U.S. Dollar-Hedged) - Class A	19,198
	Vanguard	Mid-Cap Index Fund - Admiral Shares	131,173
	Victory Capital	Sycamore Established Value Fund - Class A	167,920
	Total Mutual Funds		16,596,491
Collective Trust Fund:			
*	JPMorgan	JPMCB Stable Asset Income Fund - CF-15 Class	580,433
	Total Investments, at Fair Value		17,176,924
*	Notes receivable from participants	Maturity dates through March 2032. interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%	109,329
	Total Assets (Held at End of Year)		\$ 17,286,253

* An asterisk in column (a) denotes party-in-interest to the Plan.

Column (d) has not been presented as it is not required for participant-directed accounts.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
IJSRAX			138,352.08	132,717.29
IJTTAX			552,821.63	510,091.15
IJNSAX			584,645.34	549,613.00
IJSMAX			2,373,653.54	2,282,578.51
ISRJAX			765,840.88	782,011.43
ISMTAX			2,515,896.22	2,608,804.55
IJSAAX			1,818,665.15	1,934,149.32
IJTSAX			1,845,049.79	1,971,547.18
IRERCX			183,399.11	178,601.44
IMDLOX			64,869.13	66,892.57
ICNWGX			174,063.93	197,556.18
IFPADX			119,513.95	119,520.30
IHLTX			189,923.27	193,626.38
IMIEIX			61,507.84	61,008.71
ITRIEX			213,085.22	207,500.45
IDISSX			318,079.84	274,855.39
INB-GEN			170,039.79	178,012.03
ITRBIX			53,523.93	54,553.10
IFSM DX			822,227.84	1,025,741.52
IVIMAX			124,036.57	131,173.12
IVETAX			157,800.89	167,919.49
IJENSX			326,305.87	314,617.44
IOIEIX			248,239.98	287,655.67
IHLEIX			1,004,754.38	1,486,492.41
IJLGMX			14.33	14.06
ITRIRX			48,852.86	54,552.05
ITRCVX			7,380.73	7,518.80
ISMAMX			126,726.49	125,107.94
IWIPDX			356,591.69	350,961.41
IBMOAX			109,747.59	109,203.87
IFIPDX			216,670.95	212,695.77
IPFOAX			19,161.26	19,198.27
IJPMF15			520,144.59	556,180.44
			16,231,586.66	17,152,671.24
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	4.250-9.500	109,280.89	109,328.79
FORFEITURES			23,830.85	24,253.01

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INVESTMENT OPTION

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LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1JSRAX	J P Morgan SmartRetirement Income A	1JTTAX	J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2020 A
1JNSAX	J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2025 A	1JSMAX	J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2030 A
1SRJAX	J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2035 A	1SMTAX	J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2040 A
1JSAAX	J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2045 A	1JTSAX	J P Morgan SmartRetirement 2050 A
1RERCX	American Funds EuroPacific Gr R3	1MDLOX	BlackRock Global Allocation Inv A
1CNWGX	Calamos Evolving World Growth A	1FPADX	Fidelity Emerging Markets Index
1HILTX	Hartford International Value R5	1MIEIX	MFS International Equity R6
1TRIEX	Nuveen International Equity Index Ret	1DISSX	BNY Mellon Smallcap Stock Index Inv
1NB-GEN	Neuberger & Berman Genesis Trust	1TRBIX	Nuveen Small Cap Blend Index Retirement
1FSMDX	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	1VIMAX	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm
1VETAX	Victory Sycamore Established Value A	1JENSX	Jensen Quality Growth J
1OIEIX	J P Morgan Equity Income A	1HLEIX	JPMorgan Equity Index I
1JLGMX	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6	1TRIRX	Nuveen Large Cap Growth Index Retirement
1TRCVX	Nuveen Large Cap Value Index Retirement	1SMAMX	ALPS/Smith Total Return Bond A
1WIPDX	Allspring Core Plus Bond Admin	1BMOAX	iShares U.S. Aggregate Bond Index A
1FIPDX	Fidelity Inflation Protected Bond Index	1PFOAX	PIMCO Int Bond (USD-Hedged) A
1JPMF15	JPMCB Stable Asset Income F15		

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year

CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year