

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

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

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
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1a Name of plan <u>THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>THE TALBOTS, LLC</u> <u>ONE TALBOTS DRIVE</u> <u>HINGHAM, MA 02043-1583</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>06/27/1988</u> 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>41-1111318</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>781-749-7600</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>448120</u>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2025	JILL URRARO
	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 type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor JILL URRARO C/O THE TALBOTS, LLC ONE TALBOTS DRIVE HINGHAM, MA 02043-1583	3b Administrator's EIN 41-1111318 3c Administrator's telephone number 239-346-8309																				
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 1088																				
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.....	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width:10%;">6a(1)</td><td style="text-align: right;">288</td></tr> <tr><td>6a(2)</td><td style="text-align: right;">244</td></tr> <tr><td>6b</td><td style="text-align: right;">220</td></tr> <tr><td>6c</td><td style="text-align: right;">461</td></tr> <tr><td>6d</td><td style="text-align: right;">925</td></tr> <tr><td>6e</td><td style="text-align: right;">29</td></tr> <tr><td>6f</td><td style="text-align: right;">954</td></tr> <tr><td>6g(1)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6g(2)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6h</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> </table>	6a(1)	288	6a(2)	244	6b	220	6c	461	6d	925	6e	29	6f	954	6g(1)		6g(2)		6h	0
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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:
 1A 1I

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) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
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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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u> (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)
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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 SB (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>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<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

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan <u>THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>THE TALBOTS, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>41-1111318</u>	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>56358924</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>61994816</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>207</u>	<u>44812194</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>597</u>	<u>26721042</u>
	c For active participants	<u>288</u>	<u>10081820</u>
	d Total	<u>1092</u>	<u>81615056</u>
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	<u>80510815</u>
	b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	<u>87313446</u>
5	Effective interest rate	5	<u>5.15 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>0</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>420000</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>420000</u>

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE		
	Signature of actuary	<u>10/09/2025</u>
	<u>JAMES D PINKERTON, FSA, EA</u>	Date
	Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-06373</u>
	<u>OCTOBER THREE CONSULTING LLC</u>	Most recent enrollment number
	Firm name	<u>312-878-2352</u>
	<u>233 S. WACKER DR. SUITE 8350 CHICAGO, IL 60606</u>	Telephone number (including area code)
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>8.63</u> %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		454186
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.28</u> %		23981
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		478167
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	77.00 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	82.47 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	73.54 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	68.83 %

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls		18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees		
04/12/2024	593784	0					
07/15/2024	593784	0					
10/09/2024	594000	0					
01/03/2025	593784	0					
09/05/2025	367933	0					
			Totals ▶	18(b)	2743285	18(c)	0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:			
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0	
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0	
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	2637816	
20	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:			
	a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:			
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year				
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th	
0	0	0	0	

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost				
21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.87 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)				21b 4
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 64
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	

Part VI Miscellaneous Items				
24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
26 Demographic and benefit information				
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....				27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years				
28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years				28 0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....				29 0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....				30 0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year				
31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):				
a Target normal cost (line 6c)				31a 420000
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a				31b 0
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	19876525		2215745	
b Waiver amortization installment.....	0		0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount				33
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....				34 2635745
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance	
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement			0	
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)				36 2635745
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)				37 2637816
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				38a 2071
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances.....				38b 0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)				39 0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years				40 0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)				
41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021				

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 THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE TALBOTS, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-1111318	

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)

OCTOBER THREE CONSULTING LLC

27-1175487

(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?
11 50	NONE	511197	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)

WILLIS TOWERS WATSON US LLC.

53-0181291

(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?
11 27 50	NONE	229734	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)

STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST

81-4017137

(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?
18 19 51	NONE	49252	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
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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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Explanation:

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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 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>THE TALBOTS, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>41-1111318</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>20+ YEAR U.S. TREASURY STRIPS INDEX</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-169</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>9343003</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MSCI ACWI INDEX</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>32-6528132-042</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>25788209</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>WTW GT DCF</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TOWERS WATSON INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>82-6695738-001</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>7601651</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>WTW GT RAF</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TOWERS WATSON INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>82-6695738-005</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>6785863</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):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

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d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE TALBOTS, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-1111318

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
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	7619	23637
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	2490922	961717
(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)	1602685	3067287
(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)	52321836	49518726
(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)		
(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	56423062	53571367
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j	43204	82988
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	43204	82988
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	56379858	53488379

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)	2743285	
(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)		2743285
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)	151588	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		151588
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		4204623
(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		7099496

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	9116179	
(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)		9116179
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	71205	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	49252	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	740931	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	13408	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		874796
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		9990975

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		-2891479
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		5000000
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 545906.

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>THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE TALBOTS, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>41-1111318</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
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): <u>41-1111318</u>		
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	3	130

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: 50.0 % Private Equity: 0.0 % Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: 21.0 %
 High-Yield Debt: 11.0 % Real Assets: 11.0 % Cash or Cash Equivalents: 7.0 % Other: 0.0 %

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**

The Talbots, Inc. Pension Plan

December 31, 2024 and 2023

THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator and Participants of
The Talbots, Inc. Pension Plan
Hingham, Massachusetts

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

We have performed the audits of the financial statements of The Talbots, Inc. Pension Plan (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) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year 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 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 the Department of Labor'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 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our 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 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 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

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 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.

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 audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of (1) Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024 and (2) Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Boston, Massachusetts
October 15, 2025

THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

(In thousands)

	<i>December 31,</i>	
	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ <u>52,586</u>	\$ <u>53,924</u>
Total investments	<u>52,586</u>	<u>53,924</u>
Receivables:		
Interest receivable	24	8
Employer contributions	<u>962</u>	<u>2,491</u>
Total receivables	<u>986</u>	<u>2,499</u>
Total assets	<u>53,572</u>	<u>56,423</u>
Liabilities		
Accrued administrative expenses	<u>83</u>	<u>43</u>
Total liabilities	<u>83</u>	<u>43</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 53,489</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 56,380</u></u>

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2024

(In thousands)

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$	4,205
Dividend and interest income		<u>151</u>

Total investment income		<u>4,356</u>
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Employer contributions		<u>2,744</u>
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Total additions to net assets		<u>7,100</u>
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefit payments		(9,116)
Administrative expenses		<u>(875)</u>

Total deductions from net assets		<u>(9,991)</u>
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Net decrease in net assets available for benefits		(2,891)
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Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year		<u>56,380</u>
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Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$	<u><u>53,489</u></u>
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THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of Plan

The following description of The Talbots, Inc. Pension Plan (the "Plan") is for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

General

The Plan is a noncontributory, defined benefit pension plan for the hourly and salaried employees established by The Talbots LLC (the "Company") on June 27, 1988, and most recently amended effective October 7, 2022. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). All investments are non-participant directed.

The Company discontinued future benefits to be earned under the Plan effective May 1, 2009, and accordingly, participant benefit accruals and additional years of credited service ceased as of that date.

Participation and Vesting

Employees hired on or before December 31, 2007 were eligible to participate in the Plan. During 2007, the Company elected to close participation in the Plan for all associates hired or rehired after December 31, 2007, with limited exceptions. Those employees eligible to participate in the Plan as of December 31, 2007 continued to accrue benefits under the Plan until May 1, 2009. Employees were enrolled following the completion of one year of eligible service and the attainment of age 21. A year of eligible service is a 12-month period from the date of hire with at least 1,000 hours of service. Participants hired after January 1, 1989 vest in the Plan after five years of service. Hours of service continue to be taken into account for purposes of vesting and eligibility for early retirement benefits subsequent to May 1, 2009.

Pension Benefits

Pursuant to the Plan, in the event of retirement on the normal retirement date (defined as the date the participant attains age 65, provided the completion of either five years of vesting service or five years of Plan participation), a salaried employee or a corporate hourly employee is entitled to 1.15% of his/her average final compensation (defined as the average of the five highest full calendar years of compensation received by the participant within the last ten consecutive full calendar years immediately preceding the determination date) in excess of covered compensation, both multiplied by the number of years of benefit service, not to exceed 30 years of credited service.

In the event of retirement on the normal retirement date, a store hourly employee is entitled to: (1) for the period from June 28, 1988 through December 31, 1995, 0.75% of his/her average final compensation as of December 31, 1995, multiplied by the number of years of credited service as of December 31, 1995, and (2) for the period after December 31, 1995 through May 1, 2009, 0.75% of his/her average final compensation (as defined above) for each Plan year the participant completed at least 1,000 hours of service.

The Plan provides for an alternative benefit formula for corporate hourly and store hourly employees with a termination date prior to January 1, 1996.

THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN

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Note 1 - Description of Plan (Continued)

Pension Benefits (Continued)

Effective September 15, 2024, the Plan added a 2024 distribution window program. Alternate payees and beneficiaries were not eligible to participate in the distribution window program. A Participant who met the requirements as defined in the Plan amendment were eligible to participate in the Program. Eligible participants could elect to receive a payment of his or her accrued benefit in a lump sum payment or an immediate annuity.

Plan Administration

The Plan is administered by an administrative committee, which is appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company. State Street Bank & Trust Company serves as Trustee and Custodian of the Plan.

Payment of Benefits

Under the Plan, if the lump-sum value of benefit payments is greater than \$1,000 but less than \$5,000 (increased to \$7,000 effective December 1, 2024), the Plan administrator, after notification, may distribute his/her entire non-forfeited benefit to the participant in the form of an IRA rollover account on behalf of the former participant. The monthly benefit is to commence no later than 60 days after the close of the Plan year following the later of the participant's normal retirement date, the tenth anniversary of participation in the Plan, or termination of employment. Except as specified in the Plan document, in no event shall benefit payments begin later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year that the participant attains age 72.

Death Benefits

A participant's beneficiary shall be eligible for a death benefit, payable only in the event the participant dies after he/she became vested in his/her accrued pension and had not begun to receive benefits under the Plan.

Employer Contributions (Funding Policy)

The Company's annual contribution funds at least the Plan's normal cost for the year (as developed under the projected unit credit actuarial cost method) and interest on the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company's contributions met the minimum funding requirements of ERISA.

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Note 1 - Description of Plan (Continued)

Funding Status

The Plan was not in an “at-risk” funding status for the 2024 Plan year. “At-risk” status is determined if a plan’s funding target attainment percentage for the prior plan year is below a specified legal threshold, or 80%. The Plan’s Adjusted Funding Target Attainment Percentage (“AFTAP”) for the Plan year beginning January 1, 2024 is 82.47%.

In September 2023, the AFTAP for the 2023 Plan year was certified by the Plan’s actuary to be 79.83%. Therefore, effective September 28, 2023, the Plan implemented certain funding-based benefit restrictions as required by the PPA when AFTAP falls below 80%. These restrictions consisted of limiting lump-sum distributions to 50% and receiving the remaining benefit as a monthly annuity or by receiving a monthly annuity. Participants are also allowed to defer their benefits until the restrictions have been lifted.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared 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 Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of the date of the financial statements and the changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan utilizes various investment instruments including short-term instruments, and common/collective trusts. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Market risks include global events such as an international conflict that could impact the value of investment securities. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Plan contributions are made and the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term could be material to the financial statements.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Investments, Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at 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 the trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned on an accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plans realized gains and losses on investments bought and the unrealized net appreciation on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Plan Expenses

Management fees and expenses charged to the Plan for its investments are deducted from income earned by these investments on a daily basis and are not separately reflected in the accompanying financial statements. Consequently, management fees and expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

All expenses incurred in administering the Plan are paid by the Plan unless paid by the Company. In 2024, the Company paid approximately \$132,000 for Plan consulting services.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no significant matters identified for disclosure during this evaluation.

Note 3 - Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to service rendered by employees as of the valuation date. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to: (1) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (2) beneficiaries of employees who have died, and (3) present employees or their beneficiaries. The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by an independent actuary and is that amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment. The accumulated plan benefits for active participants are based on the participants' estimated average annual base salary on the date as of which the benefit information is presented (the "valuation date"). Benefits payable under all circumstances (retirement, death, and termination of employment) are included, to the extent that they are deemed attributable to participant service rendered to the valuation date.

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Note 3 - Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits (Continued)

The actuarial cost method used is the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. Under the projected unit credit actuarial cost method, the benefits expected to be paid to each participant are projected based upon the actuarial assumptions. The projected benefits are then divided on a pro-rata basis over the applicable years of service. The total actuarial accrued liability, re-determined for each individual employee as of the valuation date, represents theoretical accumulation of all prior years' normal cost for the present participants, as if the Plan had always been in effect.

The significant assumptions underlying the actuarial computations for 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

- Mortality—In 2024, the Pri-2012 Mortality Tables projected forward generationally from 2012 with the MP-2021 projection scales.
- Mortality—In 2023, the Pri-2012 Mortality Tables projected forward generationally from 2012 with the MP-2021 projection scales.
- Retirement—Participants are assumed to retire at the following rates in both 2024 and 2023:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
55-60	2.5%
61	7.5%
62	17.5%
63-64	15.0%
65	32.5%
66	35.0%
67-69	30.0%
70+	100%

- Investment return—6.00% compounded annually in 2024 and 2023.
- Termination—The rates and ages shown below indicate the withdrawal assumptions, including mortality, for active participants included in the valuation in both 2024 and 2023:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate of Withdrawal Per 100 Participants, Males and Females</u>
25	17%
35	15%
45	11%
55	4%

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Note 3 - Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits (Continued)

The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. If the Plan were to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits.

The actuarial present values of accumulated plan benefits as of January 1 are as follows:

	2025	2024
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Vested benefits:		
Active participants	\$ 7,520	\$ 8,745
Terminated vested participants	19,861	23,169
Retired participants and beneficiaries	<u>42,346</u>	<u>41,831</u>
	69,727	73,745
Nonvested benefits	<u>119</u>	<u>147</u>
	<u>\$ 69,846</u>	<u>\$ 73,892</u>

The change in the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits for the year ended January 1, 2025 (in thousands) was as follows:

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits, beginning of year	\$ <u>73,892</u>
Increase/(decrease) during the year attributable to:	
Benefits accumulated	905
Increase in the discount period	4,165
Benefits paid	<u>(9,116)</u>
Net decrease	<u>(4,046)</u>
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits, end of year	<u>\$ 69,846</u>

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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). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

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 and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted market 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. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Common/Collective Trusts

Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of units in the common/collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust.

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Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Group Trusts

Valued at the net asset value (“NAV”) of units in the group trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur from the WTW Diversified Credit Fund on a monthly basis upon 30 days notice and for the WTW Real Asset Fund on a quarterly basis upon 180 days notice. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust.

Short-term Instruments

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, a summary of the Plan’s investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2024 and 2023 and include the major categorization for investments on the basis of the nature and risk of the investments.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024</i>			
	<i>Level I</i>	<i>Level II</i>	<i>Level III</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Short-term instruments	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> 3,067</u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ 3,067
Investments measured at NAV practical expedient ^(a)				<u> 49,519</u>
Total investment assets at fair value				\$ <u> 52,586</u>

<i>Description</i>	<i>Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</i>			
	<i>Level I</i>	<i>Level II</i>	<i>Level III</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Short-term instruments	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> 1,603</u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ 1,603
Investments measured at NAV practical expedient ^(a)				<u> 52,321</u>
Total investment assets at fair value				\$ <u> 53,924</u>

(a) In accordance with ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in these tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table for December 31, 2024 and 2023 sets forth a summary of the Plan's investments with a reported NAV practical expedient:

	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/24*</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/23*</u>	<u>Unfunded</u> <u>Commitment</u> <i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Notice</u> <u>Period</u>
20+ Year U.S. Treasury Strips	\$ 9,343	\$ 11,862	\$ -	Daily	1 day
MSCI ACWI Index	25,788	27,709	-	Daily	1 day
WTW GT DCF	7,602	6,840	-	Monthly	3 days
WTC GT RAF	<u>6,786</u>	<u>5,910</u>	-	Quarterly	180 days
Total	\$ <u>49,519</u>	\$ <u>52,321</u>			

* Fair values of the investments have been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investment.

Note 5 - Information Certified by the Trustee and Custodian

Plan investments are held by State Street Bank & Trust Company ("State Street"), the trustee and custodian. The fair values of the investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and all such related investment transactions, including interest and dividend income and net appreciation in fair values for the year ended December 31, 2024 are reported to the Plan and certified as complete and accurate by State Street. Information included in the supplemental schedules has also been derived from information certified by State Street.

The Plan's independent public accountants did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules.

Note 6 - Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

At December 31, 2024, the Plan had \$7.6 million and \$6.8 million of its net assets in the Willis Towers Watson Group Trust Diversified Credit Fund and Real Asset Fund, respectively. At December 31, 2023, the Plan had \$6.8 million and \$5.9 million of its net assets in the Willis Towers Watson Group Trust Diversified Credit Fund and Real Asset Fund, respectively. Since Willis Towers Watson is a third party advisor for the Plan, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Included in administrative expenses for 2024 are fees paid by the Plan to State Street Bank & Trust Company for recordkeeping and investment services totaling \$55,000, fees paid to Willis Towers Watson for third party advisory services of \$253,000, and fees paid to October Three for actuary and third party advisory services of \$483,000.

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Note 7 - Federal Income Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) determined and informed the Company by a letter dated November 19, 2014, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”). The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter. The Company and Plan management believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code, and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan’s financial statements.

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 tax 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. There are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 8 - Plan Termination Priorities

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan, in certain circumstances, to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event that the Plan is terminated, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated for payment of Plan benefits to the participants in an order of priority determined in accordance with ERISA, applicable regulations thereunder, and the Plan document.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (“PBGC”) if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested, normal-age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivors’ pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all types of benefits under the Plan and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan’s termination, subject to a statutory ceiling on the amount of an individual’s monthly benefit.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan be terminated at some future time will depend on the sufficiency of the Plan’s net assets to provide those benefits, the priority of those benefits to be paid, and the level and type of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC at that time. Some benefits may be fully or partially provided for by the then-existing assets and the PBGC guaranty, while other benefits may not be provided for at all.

Supplemental Schedules

THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN

(E.I.N. 41-1111318 - Plan Number 001)

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

December 31, 2024

(In thousands)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Cost	Current Value
	Short-term Instruments:			
*	State Street Short-term Investment Fund	Short-term investment fund	\$ 3,067	\$ 3,067
		Total Short-term Instruments	<u>3,067</u>	<u>3,067</u>
	Common/Collective Trusts:			
	MSCI ACWI Index	1,513,481 shares	19,414	25,788
	20+ Year U.S. Treasury Strips	805,918 shares	<u>15,040</u>	<u>9,343</u>
		Total Common/Collective Trusts	<u>34,454</u>	<u>35,131</u>
	Group Trusts:			
	WTW GT DCF	567,985 shares	6,123	7,602
	WTW GW RAF	440,443 shares	<u>4,979</u>	<u>6,786</u>
		Total Group trusts	<u>11,102</u>	<u>14,388</u>
		Total Investments	\$ <u>48,623</u>	\$ <u>52,586</u>

* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN

(E.I.N. 41-1111318 - Plan Number 001)

Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

Year Ended December 31, 2024

(In thousands)

(a) Identity of party involved	(b) Description of asset (include interest rate and maturity in case of a loan)	(c) Purchase price	(d) Selling price	(e) Lease rental	(f) Expense incurred with transaction	(g) Cost of asset	(h) Current value of asset on transaction date	(i) Net gain or loss
SERIES OF TRANSACTIONS								
* State Street Short-term Investment Fund	Short-term investment fund	\$ 11,693	\$ 10,228	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,228	\$ 21,922	\$ -
* MSCI ACWI Index	Common/collective trust	-	6,756	-	-	5,165	6,756	1,591
Total Reportable Transactions		\$ 11,693	\$ 16,984	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,393	\$ 28,678	\$ 1,591
SINGLE TRANSACTIONS								
* State Street Short-term Investment Fund	Short-term investment fund	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ -
* State Street Short-term Investment Fund	Short-term investment fund	-	4,757	-	-	4,757	4,757	-
* MSCI ACWI Index	Common/collective trust	-	5,000	-	-	3,727	5,000	1,273
Total Reportable Transactions		\$ 6,000	\$ 9,757	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,484	\$ 15,757	\$ 1,273

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Schedule SB, Line 26 - Schedule of Active Participant Data

Completed years of credited service as of January 1, 2024

Attained age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & over	Total
Under 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 to 34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 39	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
40 to 44	-	13	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
45 to 49	-	15	21	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	46
50 to 54	-	16	17	22	6	1	-	-	-	-	62
55 to 59	-	20	25	20	6	8	1	-	-	-	80
60 to 64	1	13	11	9	3	5	-	-	-	-	42
65 to 69	-	11	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	18
70 & over	-	5	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Total	1	94	96	64	17	15	1	-	-	-	288



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Plan Sponsor Elections

Yield curve election: The plan sponsor did not elect to use the full yield curve under IRC section 430(h)(2)(D)(ii).

Applicable month: The plan sponsor elected to base the segment rates on the rates published in the September immediately preceding

Economic Assumptions

	Funding Target		PBGC Funding Target
	with stabilization	without stabilization	
First segment rate (years 0 to 4):	4.75%	3.62%	5.01%
Second segment rate (years 5 to 19):	4.87%	4.46%	5.13%
Third segment rate (years 20 and after):	5.59%	4.52%	5.15%
Effective interest rate (current year):	5.15%	4.45%	N/A

ASC 960 discount rate (current year): 6.00%

The interest rates listed above are compounded annually.



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Demographic Assumptions

WEIGHTED AVERAGE RETIREMENT AGE

The weighted average retirement age rounded to the nearest whole age is 64.

RETIREMENT

The retirement decrement assumptions are summarized below.

Attained Age	Percentage assumed to retire
55-60	2.50%
61	7.50%
62	17.50%
63-64	15.00%
65	32.50%
66	35.00%
67-69	30.00%
70+	100.00%

WITHDRAWAL

The withdrawal decrement assumptions are summarized below.

Sample Age	Turnover Rate
25	17%
35	15%
45	11%
55	4%

DISABILITY

None.

RATIONALE FOR RETIREMENT AGE, WITHDRAWAL AND DISABILITY ASSUMPTIONS

These assumptions are set based on plan design and expected participant behavior with periodic monitoring of observed gains and losses caused by patterns different from assumed.

MORTALITY AND MORTALITY IMPROVEMENT

The mortality follows the IRS 2024 Generational Mortality Table based on the rates in the RP-2014 Mortality Tables published by the SOA adjusted for mortality improvement, as prescribed by Treasury regulation section 1.430(h)(3)-1. For ASC 960, the Pri-2012 mortality table projected forward generationally from 2012 with the MP-2021 projection scale was used.



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MARITAL STATUS

80% of employees are assumed to be married; husbands are assumed to be three years older than wives.

DECREMENT TIMING

Decrements are assumed to occur as of the middle of the year.

Other Assumptions

FORM OF PAYMENT

75% of active participants are assumed to elect a Single Life Annuity and 25% of active participants are assumed to elect a 50% Joint and Survivor Annuity.

MAXIMUM EARNINGS

The maximum compensation limit under IRC section 401(a)(17) is \$345,000 for 2024.

MAXIMUM BENEFIT

The maximum benefit payable under IRC section 415 is \$275,000 for 2024.

EXPENSES

Assumed expenses are \$420,000 for 2024. The assumed expenses are based on anticipated plan administration expenses for the current plan year excluding PBGC premiums, which are expected to be paid outside of the pension trust. In accordance with our understanding of the available guidance, the expense assumption reflects administrative expenses and does not include investment-related expenses or any other non-administrative expense.

Changes from Prior Year

None.

Actuarial Methods

VALUATION DATE

The valuation date is January 1, 2024.

ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS

The actuarial value of assets is determined by recognizing asset gains and losses over a period of three years. Asset gains and losses are defined as the difference between the expected return on the market value of assets, using a return assumption not to exceed the third segment rate, and the actual return on the market value of assets. This gain or loss is recognized over a period of three years at 33% per year, beginning in the current year. The actuarial value of assets must be within 10% of the market value of assets.



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MINIMUM FUNDING METHOD

The funding target and target normal cost for minimum funding calculations are determined using the traditional unit credit cost method as prescribed by Treasury regulation section 1.430(d)-1. The liability under the unit credit cost method is the value of the accrued pension benefit using service and pay as of the valuation date. The sum of the present value of the accrued benefits for all participants is the ERISA funding target. The normal cost is the present value of the benefits earned during the year. The target normal cost is the sum of the normal costs for all participants and the assumed administrative expenses.

Changes in Method from Prior Year and Rationale for Changes

None.

THE TALBOTS, INC. PENSION PLAN

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Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

Year Ended December 31, 2024

(In thousands)

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SCHEDULE SB (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>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<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

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan THE TALBOTS, LLC PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF THE TALBOTS, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-1111318	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>			
2 Assets:			
a Market value	2a	56,358,924	
b Actuarial value	2b	61,994,816	
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	207	44,812,194	44,812,194
b For terminated vested participants	597	26,721,042	26,721,042
c For active participants	288	10,081,820	10,338,105
d Total	1,092	81,615,056	81,871,341
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	80,510,815	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	87,313,446	
5 Effective interest rate	5	5.15%	
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	0	
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	420,000	
c Target normal cost	6c	420,000	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	James D Pinkerton <i>JP</i> Signature of actuary James D Pinkerton, FSA, EA Type or print name of actuary October Three Consulting LLC Firm name 233 S. Wacker Dr. Suite 8350 Chicago IL 60606 Address of the firm	<u>10/09/2025</u> Date <u>2306373</u> Most recent enrollment number <u>312-878-2352</u> Telephone number (including area code)
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If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.87 %	3rd segment: 5.59%	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....				21b 4
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 64
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
26 Demographic and benefit information		
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....	27	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....	31a	420,000	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	0	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	19,876,525	2,215,745	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)....	34	2,635,745	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement			0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....	36	2,635,745	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....	37	2,637,816	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	2,071	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	0	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0	

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021
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 Schedule SB, Line 22 - Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

DESCRIPTION OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE RETIREMENT AGE

All participants are assumed to retire on the last day of the plan year in which they attain their assumed retirement ages. The weighted average retirement age for the population during the current year, rounded to the nearest whole number, is 64.

Retirement Age, (a)	Fraction Expected to Defer Retirement, (b)	Retirement Rate, (c)	Weighted Average Retirement Age, (a)*(b)*(c)
55	1.000	0.025	1.38
56	0.975	0.025	1.37
57	0.951	0.025	1.35
58	0.927	0.025	1.34
59	0.904	0.025	1.33
60	0.881	0.025	1.32
61	0.859	0.075	3.93
62	0.795	0.175	8.62
63	0.656	0.150	6.20
64	0.557	0.325	11.59
65	0.376	0.350	8.56
66	0.244	0.300	4.84
67	0.171	0.300	3.44
68	0.120	0.300	2.44
69	0.084	0.300	1.74
70	0.059	1.000	4.11
			63.56

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 Schedule SB, Line 26b - Schedule of Projection of Expected Benefit Payments

Plan Year	Active Participants	Terminated Vested Participants	Retired Participants and Beneficiaries Receiving Payments	Total
2024	60,961	167,449	4,261,873	4,490,283
2025	122,928	276,984	4,172,254	4,572,165
2026	183,476	386,198	4,075,828	4,645,503
2027	247,836	601,623	3,972,321	4,821,779
2028	314,983	895,328	3,861,673	5,071,985
2029	389,899	1,101,407	3,743,866	5,235,172
2030	463,603	1,235,855	3,618,941	5,318,399
2031	536,050	1,404,688	3,487,006	5,427,744
2032	600,707	1,639,938	3,348,247	5,588,892
2033	663,899	1,734,652	3,202,829	5,601,380
2034	719,647	1,888,616	3,051,146	5,659,409
2035	770,954	2,022,092	2,893,933	5,686,979
2036	811,853	2,123,360	2,731,706	5,666,919
2037	853,573	2,214,749	2,565,285	5,633,607
2038	877,838	2,298,864	2,395,685	5,572,387
2039	894,605	2,371,839	2,224,097	5,490,541
2040	913,948	2,399,100	2,051,867	5,364,915
2041	923,893	2,458,739	1,880,471	5,263,103
2042	935,143	2,474,332	1,711,464	5,120,938
2043	936,830	2,465,181	1,546,426	4,948,437
2044	928,757	2,449,853	1,386,879	4,765,489
2045	914,456	2,395,085	1,234,184	4,543,725
2046	896,567	2,335,051	1,089,526	4,321,144
2047	880,599	2,258,730	953,896	4,093,225
2048	853,687	2,181,569	828,088	3,863,344
2049	822,554	2,094,182	712,696	3,629,432
2050	789,373	2,002,428	608,104	3,399,905
2051	753,928	1,906,630	514,464	3,175,022
2052	716,845	1,807,132	431,667	2,955,644
2053	677,997	1,703,979	359,380	2,741,356
2054	637,837	1,598,150	297,053	2,533,040
2055	596,660	1,490,452	243,968	2,331,080
2056	554,760	1,381,792	199,307	2,135,859
2057	512,500	1,273,160	162,183	1,947,843
2058	470,289	1,165,570	131,686	1,767,545
2059	428,555	1,060,013	106,927	1,595,495
2060	387,716	957,425	87,050	1,432,191
2061	348,185	858,663	71,266	1,278,113
2062	310,338	764,457	58,856	1,133,651
2063	274,493	675,428	49,181	999,101
2064	240,907	592,067	41,687	874,660
2065	209,752	514,719	35,911	760,382
2066	181,143	443,610	31,471	656,225
2067	155,136	378,849	28,058	562,043
2068	131,727	320,442	25,426	477,595
2069	110,870	268,295	23,384	402,549
2070	92,469	222,236	21,782	336,487
2071	76,391	182,013	20,507	278,911
2072	62,485	147,295	19,471	229,251
2073	50,582	117,709	18,606	186,897

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Schedule SB, Line 4 - Additional Information for Plans in At-Risk Status

AT-RISK ASSUMPTIONS

All participants who will be retirement eligible within the next 11 years are assumed to retire on the earliest possible retirement date and elect the most valuable form of payment (50% Joint & Survivor Annuity).



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Effective date

The plan was originally effective June 27, 1988 and restated effective January 1, 2013. It was most recently amended effective July 31, 2022.

Plan year

January 1 to December 31.

Eligibility

All salaried, corporate hourly, and hourly store associates hired prior to January 1, 2008 are eligible to be covered under the plan.

No employee shall become a participant in the plan after April 30, 2009.

Entry Date

Covered employees are eligible to participate in the plan upon the completion of one year of eligibility service and attainment of age 21.

Benefit Service

Plan years in which a participant completes at least 1,000 hours. (Prior to amendment, benefit service was based on 1,800 hours. A partial year of credit was provided for plan years based on completion of between 1,000 and 1,800 hours). After the effective date and prior to December 31, 1988, a participant shall be credited with one-half year of Benefit Service if the participant completed 900 hours of service. Benefit service earned under the prior General Mills plan is included.

Service completed after April 30, 2009 shall not be taken into account.

Vesting Service

Plan years in which the participant completes at least 1,000 hours.

Compensation

The total earnings paid or accrued for service rendered for the Employer during the plan year.

Average Monthly Compensation

Average of Compensation over the five highest calendar years in the last ten years.

Compensation earned after April 30, 2009 shall not be taken into account.



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Accrued benefit

Monthly Benefit Formula for Salaried and Corporate Hourly Employees:

Each participant who retires on his normal retirement date shall be entitled to receive a monthly amount for life equal to (a) minus (b) below:

- (a) 1.15% of Average Monthly Compensation up to Covered Compensation plus 1.60% of Average Monthly Compensation in excess of Covered Compensation, multiplied by years of Benefit
- (b) Monthly benefit provided under the General Mills predecessor plan.

Monthly Benefit Formula for Hourly Store Employees:

Each participant who retires on his normal retirement date shall be entitled to receive a monthly amount for life equal to the maximum of (a) and (b) below:

- (a) Frozen benefit as of December 31, 1996 based on the prior formula.
- (b) 0.75% of Average Monthly Compensation as of December 31, 1995 multiplied by years of Benefit Service as of December 31, 1995 plus one-twelfth of the sum of annual accruals of 0.75% of annual compensation for each year of Benefit Service earned after December 31, 1995. The formula in effect prior to December 31, 1966 provided a monthly benefit equal to \$8.50 times years of Benefit Service.

Normal retirement date

If hired prior to January 1, 1997, attainment at age 65. If hired on or after January 1, 1997, the attainment of the later of (i) age 65, or (ii) the earlier of the fifth anniversary of participation or attainment of 5 years of vesting service.

Benefit commencement

Benefit commencement is allowed after the attainment of age 65, or age 55 and ten years of service.

Early retirement benefit

The same as for Normal Retirement but the benefit is based on Average Monthly Compensation and Benefit Service at date of termination. The benefit is reduced by 1/6 of 1% for each of the first 36 months of early retirement and 1/3 of 1% for each month beyond 36.

Vested termination

Same as for Normal Retirement. After attainment of age 55, the participant can commence benefits. If the participant did not attain age 55 and 10 years of Vesting Service at termination, benefits are reduced by 1/2 of 1% for each of the first 60 months before normal retirement date and by 1/3 of 1% for each month beyond 60.

Pre-retirement death benefit

The same as for Early Retirement but with actuarial reductions for early commencement and the 50% Joint & Survivor form of payment.



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Schedule SB, Part V - Summary of Plan Provisions

Payment form

Participants may elect a single life annuity, 50%, 75%, or 100% joint and survivor annuity, or a 10 year certain and life annuity.

Actuarial Equivalence

Interest Rate	Mortality Table
7.50%	UP84 - Unisex Table, with a two-year set-back in age.

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

December 31, 2024

(In thousands)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Cost	Current Value
	Short-term Instruments:			
*	State Street Short-term Investment Fund	Short-term investment fund	\$ 3,067	\$ 3,067
		Total Short-term Instruments	<u>3,067</u>	<u>3,067</u>
	Common/Collective Trusts:			
	MSCI ACWI Index	1,513,481 shares	19,414	25,788
	20+ Year U.S. Treasury Strips	805,918 shares	<u>15,040</u>	<u>9,343</u>
		Total Common/Collective Trusts	<u>34,454</u>	<u>35,131</u>
	Group Trusts:			
	WTW GT DCF	567,985 shares	6,123	7,602
	WTW GW RAF	440,443 shares	<u>4,979</u>	<u>6,786</u>
		Total Group trusts	<u>11,102</u>	<u>14,388</u>
		Total Investments	\$ <u>48,623</u>	\$ <u>52,586</u>

* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

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Schedule SB, Line 32 - Schedule of Amortization Bases as of January 1, 2024

Amortization Charges

	Shortfall amortization installments	Present Value of Future Installments	Years Remaining	Amortization Installments
i.	2019	\$17,792,774	10	\$2,180,726
ii.	2020	(4,843,928)	11	(551,658)
iii.	2021	(2,697,301)	12	(287,762)
iv.	2022	(7,805,708)	13	(785,397)
v.	2023	16,579,673	14	1,582,410
vi.	2024	851,015	15	77,426
vii.	Total, not less than zero	\$19,876,525		\$2,215,745