

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

2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: MICHAELS STORES, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 02/01/1987
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): MICHAELS STORES, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 75-1943604
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 972-409-1300
2d Business code (see instructions): 442299

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

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

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, Name. Rows for plan administrator, employer/plan sponsor, and DFE.

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	6591
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	4593
	6a(2)	27613
	6b	101
	6c	1710
	6d	29424
	6e	18
	6f	29442
	6g(1)	6387
6g(2)	6471	
6h	0	
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:
2E 2F 2H 2J 2K 2T 3D

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

A Name of plan MICHAELS STORES, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MICHAELS STORES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 75-1943604	

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

VOYA INSTITUTIONAL PLAN SERVICES

04-3516284

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

THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.

23-1945930

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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)

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(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?
37 38 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	344375	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

MERCER INVESTMENTS LLC

30-0282430

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 31	NONE	258139	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)

VOYA RETIREMENT ADVISORS

02-0488491

(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?
26	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	34326	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"/>

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)

THE VANGUARD GROUP

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(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?
16 26 99	NONE	8449	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"/>

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	0
(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.	
THE FRANKLIN TEMPLETON GROUP 94-2990534	15 BPS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	0
(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.	
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS 04-2033129	10 BPS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	0
(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.	
DODGE & COX 94-1441976	10 BPS	

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
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	0
(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.	
BARON FUNDS 767 5TH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153	10 BPS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

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: ERNST & YOUNG LLP	b EIN: 34-6565596
c Position: ACCOUNTANT	
d Address: 2323 VICTORY AVE DALLAS, TX 75219	e Telephone: 214-969-8000

Explanation: CHANGED FOR COST SAVINGS.

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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d Address:	e Telephone:

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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 2024 <hr/> 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>MICHAELS STORES, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>MICHAELS STORES, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>75-1943604</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>INVESCO STABLE VALUE TRUST CLA</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>INVESCO FUNDS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>46-3793325-001</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>27770889</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SS S&P 500 INDEX SL SERIES II</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STEET FUNDS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>04-0025081-078</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>101606065</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SS U.S. BOND INDEX SL SERIES</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STEET FUNDS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-477</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>4217698</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SS REAL ASSET NON LENDING CL C</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STEET FUNDS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-001</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>196145</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MERCER DIVERSIFIED BOND FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MERCER FUNDS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-3188218-001</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>11968084</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MERCER INTERNATIONAL STOCK FUN</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MERCER FUNDS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-3158100-001</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>11832574</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MERCER SMALL MID CAP STOCK FUN</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MERCER FUNDS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-3183567-001</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>18734538</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [SS GLOBAL ALL CAP EQ EX US IND](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [STATE STEET FUNDS](#)

c EIN-PN 90-0337987-444	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	10838107
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [SS TARGET RETIREMENT 2065 SL](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [STATE STEET FUNDS](#)

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-045	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1540567
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [SS TARGET RETIREMENT 2060 SL](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [STATE STEET FUNDS](#)

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-029	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4226211
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [SS TARGET RETIREMENT 2055 SL](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [STATE STEET FUNDS](#)

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-028	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	7937688
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [SS TARGET RETIREMENT 2050 SL](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [STATE STEET FUNDS](#)

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-027	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	17995425
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [SS TARGET RETIREMENT 2045 SL](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [STATE STEET FUNDS](#)

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-026	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	16590707
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [SS TARGET RETIREMENT 2040 SL](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [STATE STEET FUNDS](#)

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-025	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	19457311
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [SS TARGET RETIREMENT 2035 SL](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [STATE STEET FUNDS](#)

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-024	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	20071842
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [SS TARGET RETIREMENT 2030 SL](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [STATE STEET FUNDS](#)

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-023	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	21056037
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [SS TARGET RETIREMENT 2025 SL](#)

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [STATE STEET FUNDS](#)

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-022	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	9859680
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **SS TARGET RETIREMENT**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **STATE STEET FUNDS**

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-030	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4984664
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **SS TARGET RETIREMENT 2020 SL**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **STATE STEET FUNDS**

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-021	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4645203
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **SS RUSSELL SMALL MID CAP INDEX**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **STATE STEET FUNDS**

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-019	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14380494
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **VFTC RETIREMENT SAVINGS TRUST III**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY**

c EIN-PN 38-7041744-024	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan MICHAELS STORES, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MICHAELS STORES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 75-1943604

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

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	288843
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	
(3) Other	1b(3)	
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	4400052
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	32270651
(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)	270042942
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	
(15) Other	1c(15)	4891103

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	307002488	337204588
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	307002488	337204588

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)	10443748	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	20888376	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	2658125	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		33990249
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)	364923	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		364923
(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)	126357	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		126357
(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)		39453367
(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)		432860
c Other income	2c		230162
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		74597918

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	43470072	
(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)		43470072
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		174243
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		-52986
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	188164	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	422789	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	243038	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	23761	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		877752
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		44469081

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		30128837
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		73263
(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: WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

(2) EIN: 75-0786316

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.	X		

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

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

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

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

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

A Name of plan <u>MICHAELS STORES, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) 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>MICHAELS STORES, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>75-1943604</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	
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>04-3581074</u> <u>23-2186884</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	

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)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702844A.

Michaels Stores, Inc.
Employees 401(k) Plan

Financial Report
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All other schedules required by the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 are omitted because of the absence of the conditions under which they would apply.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of the
Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan
Irving, Texas

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2024 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Michaels Stores, inc. Employees 401(k) 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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements (2024 Financial Statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2024 Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

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

Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements* section

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2024 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 (US GAAP).
- the information in the accompanying 2024 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 on the 2024 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 2024 financial statements in accordance with US GAAP, 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 2024 financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2024 Financial Statements* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 2024 financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with US 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 audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2024 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 US GAAP.

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 US GAAP.

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 Matters

2024 Supplementary Information Required by ERISA

The supplementary information listed in the table of contents as of December 31, 2024 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplementary information, 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 US GAAS. For information included in the supplementary information 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 supplementary information, we evaluated whether the supplementary information, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplementary information, other than the information in the supplementary information that agrees to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplementary information 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).

Auditor's Report on the 2023 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2023 financial statements of the Plan. 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, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 8, 2024, indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2023 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). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2023 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2023 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 determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.

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Dallas, Texas
October 15, 2025

Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS	2024	2023
Investments, at fair value	\$ 331,673,966	\$ 302,313,593
Receivables		
Employer's contributions	639,519	288,843
Notes receivable from participants	4,964,414	4,526,349
Total receivables	5,603,933	4,815,192
Total assets	337,277,899	307,128,785
LIABILITIES		
Excess contributions refundable to participants	-	182,072
Total liabilities	-	182,072
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 337,277,899	\$ 306,946,713

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2024

ADDITIONS

Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 38,883,702
Interest and dividends	938,826
Net investment income	39,822,528
Contributions	
Employer	10,443,748
Participants	20,801,303
Rollovers	2,745,197
Total contributions	33,990,248
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	363,124
Total additions	74,175,900

DEDUCTIONS

Benefits paid directly to participants	43,462,244
Administrative expenses	455,733
Total deductions	43,917,977
Net increase before transfers	30,257,923
Transfer from/to other plans	73,263
Net increase after transfer	30,331,186

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, beginning of year	306,946,713
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, end of year	\$ 337,277,899

Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Michael's Stores, Inc. (the Company) and its wholly owned subsidiaries who have at least one year of service and are age twenty-one or older. Part-time employees who are at age twenty-one or older are eligible upon completion of 500 hours of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Board of Directors is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's Board of Directors.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 80 percent of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants may also designate some of their contributions as after-tax contributions up to 10 percent of eligible compensation to a Roth 401(k) option. Participants can also choose to defer up to 80 percent of pre-tax and Roth bonuses, along with 10 percent of irregular pay, through a separate election. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Safe Harbor matching contribution the Employer will match the Participant's contributions as follows: 100 percent of the Participant's Elective Deferrals up to 3 percent of their Compensation, plus 50 percent of the Participant's Elective Deferrals between 3 percent and 5 percent of their Compensation. This contribution is intended to satisfy a safe harbor contribution formula permitted by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations. By making the safe harbor matching contribution, the Plan will automatically satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements that otherwise would apply to 401(k) contributions made by the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's and the Company's matching contributions, as well as allocations of Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions and employer contributions plus actual earnings thereon. For employer matching contributions made prior to January 1, 2021, participants become vested at the rate of 33 percent each year over three years. Participants are fully vested in employer matching contributions upon completing three years of service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their funds a minimum of \$1,000. These loans are considered Participant-directed investments and are secured by the participant's account balance. The loans accrue interest at rates aligned with local prevailing rates set by Plan management. Repayment of principal and interest occurs proportionally through payroll deductions. Each Participant is limited to holding only one loan at a time.

Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Payment of Benefits

Upon separation of service due to death, disability, retirement or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, substantially equal installments, or a partial withdrawal.

In-service withdrawal provisions of the Plan allow for early withdrawal of Participant Contributions and Rollover Contributions at any time and for any reason. Such withdrawals may be subject to ordinary income taxes and early distribution penalty taxes.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$3,195 and \$357,602, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future Company contributions and to pay Plan expenses. During 2024, Company contributions were reduced by \$802 from forfeited nonvested accounts. During 2024, Plan expenses of \$281,901 paid from forfeited nonvested accounts.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians, and insurance company. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Contributions

Contributions from Plan participants and the matching contributions from the Company are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. The Plan distributed the 2023 excess contributions to the applicable participants prior to March 15 of the related subsequent year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

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

Plan Management's Review of Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3. Certified Investments

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplementary information, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2024 was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Voya Institutional Trust Company (Voya), the trustee of the Plan. Voya held the Plan's investment assets and executed investment transactions from February 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 and that Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company (Vanguard) held the Plan's investment assets and executed investment transactions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and for the period January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4. Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; 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 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

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

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

Collective trust fund: Valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. 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 in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Level 1:		
Mutual funds	\$ 1,764,038	\$ 270,042,942
Investments measured at net asset value:		
Collective trust fund	329,909,928	32,270,651
Investments at fair value	\$ 331,673,966	\$ 302,313,593

Fair Value of Investments that Calculate NAV

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively:

	2024	2023
Collective trust fund		
Fair value	\$ 329,909,928	\$ 32,270,651
Unfunded commitment	None	None
Redemption frequency	Immediate	Immediate
Other redemption restrictions	None	None
Redemption notice period	None	None

Note 5. Related Party Transactions and Party in Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are provided through Voya and certain Plan investments are managed by Vanguard. Voya is the trustee and record keeper for the Plan during the period from February 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and Voya was the trustee and record keeper for the Plan during the period January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024 and as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and therefore, these transactions qualify as party in interest transactions. All investment fund earnings or losses posted to each Plan participant's account are net of investment management fees charged by each investment fund under the Plan.

Note 6. Plan Termination

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

Note 7. Tax Status

The Company has adopted a pre-approved plan document that has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the form of the pre-approved plan document was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

US GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 8. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Market risks include global events, which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that some changes could materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Note 9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2024 and 2023 to Form 5500:

	2024	2023
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 337,277,899	\$ 306,946,713
Excess contributions payable	-	182,072
Deemed distributions of participant loans	(73,311)	(126,297)
Net assets available benefits per Form 5500	\$ 337,204,588	\$ 307,002,488

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

Increase in net assets available for benefits before transfer per the financial statement	\$ 30,257,923
Change in excess contribution payable	(182,072)
Deemed distributions of participant loans	52,986
Increase in net assets available benefits per Form 5500	\$ 30,128,837

Supplementary Information

Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan
Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
Plan #001 / EIN: 75-1943604
December 31, 2024

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost**	Current value	
Investments:				
Invesco Stable Value Trust Cla	Common collective trust	\$ -	\$ 27,770,888	
SS S&P 500 Index SL Series II	Common collective trust	-	101,606,065	
SS U.S. Bond Index SL Series	Common collective trust	-	4,217,698	
SS Real Asset Non Lending CI C	Common collective trust	-	196,145	
Mercer Diversified Bond Fund	Common collective trust	-	11,968,084	
Mercer International Stock Fun	Common collective trust	-	11,832,574	
Mercer Small Mid Cap Stock Fun	Common collective trust	-	18,734,538	
SS Global All Cap Eq Ex US Ind	Common collective trust	-	10,838,107	
SS Target Retirement	Common collective trust	-	4,984,664	
SS Target Retirement 2065 SL	Common collective trust	-	1,540,567	
SS Target Retirement 2060 SL	Common collective trust	-	4,226,211	
SS Target Retirement 2055 SL	Common collective trust	-	7,937,688	
SS Target Retirement 2050 SL	Common collective trust	-	17,995,425	
SS Target Retirement 2045 SL	Common collective trust	-	16,590,707	
SS Target Retirement 2040 SL	Common collective trust	-	19,457,311	
SS Target Retirement 2035 SL	Common collective trust	-	20,071,842	
SS Target Retirement 2030 SL	Common collective trust	-	21,056,037	
SS Target Retirement 2025 SL	Common collective trust	-	9,859,680	
SS Target Retirement 2020 SL	Common collective trust	-	4,645,203	
SS Russell Small Mid Cap Index	Common collective trust	-	14,380,494	
Vanguard Federal Money Market	Mutual fund	-	1,764,038	
Total investments		-	331,673,966	
* Notes receivable from participants	Varying maturity dates and interest, rates ranging from 4.50% - 9.50%	-	4,891,103	
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 336,565,069</u>	

* Party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA

** Cost information is not applicable for participant directed investments.

MICHAELS STORES, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) PLAN
 EIN# - 75-1943604 Plan # - 001

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Party-in- interest	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	Cost	Current Value
	Invesco Funds	Invesco Stable Value Trust Cla		27,770,889
	State Steet Funds	SS S&P 500 Index SL Series II		101,606,065
	State Steet Funds	SS U.S. Bond Index SL Series		4,217,698
	State Steet Funds	SS Real Asset Non Lending Cl C		196,145
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement 2020 SL		4,645,203
	Mercer Funds	Mercer Diversified Bond Fund		11,968,084
	Vanguard Funds	Vanguard Federal Money Market		1,764,038
	Mercer Funds	Mercer International Stock Fun		11,832,574
	Mercer Funds	Mercer Small Mid Cap Stock Fun		18,734,538
	State Steet Funds	SS Global All Cap Eq Ex US Ind		10,838,107
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement		4,984,664
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement 2055 SL		7,937,688
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement 2030 SL		21,056,037
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement 2040 SL		19,457,311
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement 2050 SL		17,995,425
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement 2065 SL		1,540,567
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement 2045 SL		16,590,707
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement 2060 SL		4,226,211
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement 2035 SL		20,071,842
	State Steet Funds	SS Target Retirement 2025 SL		9,859,680
	State Steet Funds	SS Russell Small Mid Cap Index		14,380,494
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%		<u>4,891,103</u>
			Total	<u>\$ 336,565,070</u>

Michaels Stores, Inc.
Employees 401(k) Plan

Financial Report
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All other schedules required by the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 are omitted because of the absence of the conditions under which they would apply.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of the
Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan
Irving, Texas

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2024 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Michaels Stores, inc. Employees 401(k) 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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements (2024 Financial Statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2024 Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

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

Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements* section

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2024 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 (US GAAP).
- the information in the accompanying 2024 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 on the 2024 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 2024 financial statements in accordance with US GAAP, 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 2024 financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2024 Financial Statements* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 2024 financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with US 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 audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2024 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 US GAAP.

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 US GAAP.

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 Matters

2024 Supplementary Information Required by ERISA

The supplementary information listed in the table of contents as of December 31, 2024 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplementary information, 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 US GAAS. For information included in the supplementary information 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 supplementary information, we evaluated whether the supplementary information, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplementary information, other than the information in the supplementary information that agrees to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplementary information 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).

Auditor's Report on the 2023 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2023 financial statements of the Plan. 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, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 8, 2024, indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2023 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). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2023 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2023 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 determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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Dallas, Texas
October 15, 2025

Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS	2024	2023
Investments, at fair value	\$ 331,673,966	\$ 302,313,593
Receivables		
Employer's contributions	639,519	288,843
Notes receivable from participants	4,964,414	4,526,349
Total receivables	<u>5,603,933</u>	<u>4,815,192</u>
Total assets	337,277,899	307,128,785
LIABILITIES		
Excess contributions refundable to participants	<u>-</u>	<u>182,072</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>182,072</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 337,277,899</u>	<u>\$ 306,946,713</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2024

ADDITIONS

Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 38,883,702
Interest and dividends	938,826
	39,822,528
Contributions	
Employer	10,443,748
Participants	20,801,303
Rollovers	2,745,197
	33,990,248
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	363,124
	74,175,900

DEDUCTIONS

Benefits paid directly to participants	43,462,244
Administrative expenses	455,733
	43,917,977
Net increase before transfers	30,257,923
Transfer from/to other plans	73,263
	30,331,186

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, beginning of year	306,946,713
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, end of year	\$ 337,277,899

Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Michael's Stores, Inc. (the Company) and its wholly owned subsidiaries who have at least one year of service and are age twenty-one or older. Part-time employees who are at age twenty-one or older are eligible upon completion of 500 hours of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Board of Directors is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's Board of Directors.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 80 percent of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants may also designate some of their contributions as after-tax contributions up to 10 percent of eligible compensation to a Roth 401(k) option. Participants can also choose to defer up to 80 percent of pre-tax and Roth bonuses, along with 10 percent of irregular pay, through a separate election. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Safe Harbor matching contribution the Employer will match the Participant's contributions as follows: 100 percent of the Participant's Elective Deferrals up to 3 percent of their Compensation, plus 50 percent of the Participant's Elective Deferrals between 3 percent and 5 percent of their Compensation. This contribution is intended to satisfy a safe harbor contribution formula permitted by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations. By making the safe harbor matching contribution, the Plan will automatically satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements that otherwise would apply to 401(k) contributions made by the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's and the Company's matching contributions, as well as allocations of Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions and employer contributions plus actual earnings thereon. For employer matching contributions made prior to January 1, 2021, participants become vested at the rate of 33 percent each year over three years. Participants are fully vested in employer matching contributions upon completing three years of service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their funds a minimum of \$1,000. These loans are considered Participant-directed investments and are secured by the participant's account balance. The loans accrue interest at rates aligned with local prevailing rates set by Plan management. Repayment of principal and interest occurs proportionally through payroll deductions. Each Participant is limited to holding only one loan at a time.

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Payment of Benefits

Upon separation of service due to death, disability, retirement or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, substantially equal installments, or a partial withdrawal.

In-service withdrawal provisions of the Plan allow for early withdrawal of Participant Contributions and Rollover Contributions at any time and for any reason. Such withdrawals may be subject to ordinary income taxes and early distribution penalty taxes.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$3,195 and \$357,602, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future Company contributions and to pay Plan expenses. During 2024, Company contributions were reduced by \$802 from forfeited nonvested accounts. During 2024, Plan expenses of \$281,901 paid from forfeited nonvested accounts.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians, and insurance company. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Contributions

Contributions from Plan participants and the matching contributions from the Company are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. The Plan distributed the 2023 excess contributions to the applicable participants prior to March 15 of the related subsequent year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

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

Plan Management's Review of Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3. Certified Investments

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplementary information, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2024 was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Voya Institutional Trust Company (Voya), the trustee of the Plan. Voya held the Plan's investment assets and executed investment transactions from February 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 and that Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company (Vanguard) held the Plan's investment assets and executed investment transactions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and for the period January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4. Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; 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 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

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

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

Collective trust fund: Valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. 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 in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Level 1:		
Mutual funds	\$ 1,764,038	\$ 270,042,942
Investments measured at net asset value:		
Collective trust fund	329,909,928	32,270,651
Investments at fair value	\$ 331,673,966	\$ 302,313,593

Fair Value of Investments that Calculate NAV

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively:

	2024	2023
Collective trust fund		
Fair value	\$ 329,909,928	\$ 32,270,651
Unfunded commitment	None	None
Redemption frequency	Immediate	Immediate
Other redemption restrictions	None	None
Redemption notice period	None	None

Note 5. Related Party Transactions and Party in Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are provided through Voya and certain Plan investments are managed by Vanguard. Voya is the trustee and record keeper for the Plan during the period from February 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and Voya was the trustee and record keeper for the Plan during the period January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024 and as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and therefore, these transactions qualify as party in interest transactions. All investment fund earnings or losses posted to each Plan participant's account are net of investment management fees charged by each investment fund under the Plan.

Note 6. Plan Termination

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

Note 7. Tax Status

The Company has adopted a pre-approved plan document that has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the form of the pre-approved plan document was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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US GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 8. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Market risks include global events, which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that some changes could materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Note 9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2024 and 2023 to Form 5500:

	2024	2023
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 337,277,899	\$ 306,946,713
Excess contributions payable	-	182,072
Deemed distributions of participant loans	(73,311)	(126,297)
Net assets available benefits per Form 5500	\$ 337,204,588	\$ 307,002,488

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

Increase in net assets available for benefits before transfer per the financial statement	\$ 30,257,923
Change in excess contribution payable	(182,072)
Deemed distributions of participant loans	52,986
Increase in net assets available benefits per Form 5500	\$ 30,128,837

Supplementary Information

Michaels Stores, Inc. Employees 401(k) Plan
Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
Plan #001 / EIN: 75-1943604
December 31, 2024

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost**	Current value	
Investments:				
Invesco Stable Value Trust Cla	Common collective trust	\$ -	\$ 27,770,888	
SS S&P 500 Index SL Series II	Common collective trust	-	101,606,065	
SS U.S. Bond Index SL Series	Common collective trust	-	4,217,698	
SS Real Asset Non Lending CI C	Common collective trust	-	196,145	
Mercer Diversified Bond Fund	Common collective trust	-	11,968,084	
Mercer International Stock Fun	Common collective trust	-	11,832,574	
Mercer Small Mid Cap Stock Fun	Common collective trust	-	18,734,538	
SS Global All Cap Eq Ex US Ind	Common collective trust	-	10,838,107	
SS Target Retirement	Common collective trust	-	4,984,664	
SS Target Retirement 2065 SL	Common collective trust	-	1,540,567	
SS Target Retirement 2060 SL	Common collective trust	-	4,226,211	
SS Target Retirement 2055 SL	Common collective trust	-	7,937,688	
SS Target Retirement 2050 SL	Common collective trust	-	17,995,425	
SS Target Retirement 2045 SL	Common collective trust	-	16,590,707	
SS Target Retirement 2040 SL	Common collective trust	-	19,457,311	
SS Target Retirement 2035 SL	Common collective trust	-	20,071,842	
SS Target Retirement 2030 SL	Common collective trust	-	21,056,037	
SS Target Retirement 2025 SL	Common collective trust	-	9,859,680	
SS Target Retirement 2020 SL	Common collective trust	-	4,645,203	
SS Russell Small Mid Cap Index	Common collective trust	-	14,380,494	
Vanguard Federal Money Market	Mutual fund	-	1,764,038	
Total investments		-	331,673,966	
* Notes receivable from participants	Varying maturity dates and interest, rates ranging from 4.50% - 9.50%	-	4,891,103	
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 336,565,069</u>	

* Party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA

** Cost information is not applicable for participant directed investments.