

<b>Form 5500</b>  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service  Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration  Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	<b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b>  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).  <b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b>	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089  <h1 style="text-align: center;">2024</h1>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Annual Report Identification Information</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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

**B** This return/report is:     the first return/report     the final return/report  
     an amended return/report     a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

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

**D** Check box if filing under:     Form 5558     automatic extension     the DFVC program  
     special extension (enter description)

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

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information</b>
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<b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>MARQUE OF BRANDS AMERICAS 401(K) PLAN</u>	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
<b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>MARQUE OF BRANDS AMERICAS LLC</u>  <u>291 EDGEWOOD ST</u> <u>ALEXANDRIA, TN 37012-2106</u>	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2021</u>  <b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>61-1814007</u>  <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>800-914-3880</u>  <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>541400</u>

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

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

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	02/03/2026	QIAN LIU
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor  GUIDELINE RK, LLC  1412 CHAPIN AVENUE BURLINGAME, CA 94010	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN 30-1418950  <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number 888-228-3491
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<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN  <b>4d</b> PN
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<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	156
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<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).		
<b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....	<b>6a(1)</b>	148
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....	<b>6a(2)</b>	152
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	<b>6b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....	<b>6c</b>	18
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....	<b>6d</b>	170
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....	<b>6e</b>	0
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....	<b>6f</b>	170
<b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(1)</b>	141
<b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(2)</b>	162
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6h</b>	0

<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	
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**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 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3H

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
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**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>MARQUE OF BRANDS AMERICAS 401(K) PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>MARQUE OF BRANDS AMERICAS LLC</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>61-1814007</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)...  Yes  No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

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

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b> 883	23160
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b> 0	0
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b> 5451	42061
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b> 1059925	2059441
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(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	1066259	2124662
<b>Liabilities</b>			
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
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	1066259	2124662

**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
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	282889	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	377952	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	829206	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		1490047
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(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)	1433	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		1433
(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)	37962	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		37962
(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 .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		117639
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		785
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		1647866

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	588218	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		588218
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		0
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	172	
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(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		1245
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		589463

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		1058403
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **CHERRY BEKEART**

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

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	0
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	0
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		917471694
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	0
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	0
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>MARQUE OF BRANDS AMERICAS 401(K) PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>MARQUE OF BRANDS AMERICAS LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>61-1814007</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

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

1		0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
EIN(s): 04-3581074

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 09 / 26 / 2024 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704210A.

# **MARQUE OF BRANDS AMERICAS 401(k) PLAN**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

***As of December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled)  
and for the Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Audited)***

***And Report of Independent Auditor***

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## Report of Independent Auditor

To the Trustee and Participants  
Marque of Brands Americas 401(k) Plan  
Alexandria, Tennessee

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Marque of Brands Americas 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). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled), and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our 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 and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investments information, as described in Note 4 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments; administering the Plan; and determining 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* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our 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 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

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

The supplemental schedule, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is 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 supplemental schedule, 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 generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

### **Report on Compiled 2023 Financial Statements**

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

*Cherry Bekaert LLP*

Greenville, South Carolina  
January 20, 2026

**MARQUE OF BRANDS AMERICAS 401(k) PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

*DECEMBER 31, 2024 (AUDITED) AND 2023 (COMPILED)*

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	<b>(Audited)</b>	<b>(Compiled)</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
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Receivables:		
Notes receivables	42,061	5,451
Total Receivables	<u>42,061</u>	<u>5,451</u>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,124,662</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,066,259</u></u>

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Total Investment Activity		<u>156,386</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### Note 1—Description of the Plan

The following description of Marque of Brands Americas 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

*General* – The Plan was established on January 1, 2021, by Marque of Brands Americas LLC (the “Company”, “Employer” or “Plan Sponsor”). The Plan is a defined-contribution plan intended to qualify under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Plan covers all eligible employees of the Company. Employees become eligible to participate in the Plan upon attainment of age 18 and achievement of 3 months of service. The Plan excludes eligibility for independent contractors, union employees whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement under which retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining (unless the collective bargaining agreement requires the employee to be included within the Plan), leased employees, residents of Puerto Rico, and certain nonresident aliens who have no earned income from sources within the United States cannot participate in the Plan. Plan entry dates are the first payroll that is administratively feasible to implement after the requirements are met, but no later than two weeks.

*Participant Contributions* – Eligible participants may elect to contribute a portion of their compensation to the Plan, subject to the IRC limitations for 401(k) plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also rollover amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. Roth contributions are permitted by the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain limitations allowed under Section 402(g) of the IRC. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral set at 1% of eligible compensation and their contributions are invested in a designated balance fund until changed by the participant.

*Employer Contributions* – The Company makes traditional safe harbor matching contributions based on a percentage of the participant’s eligible contributions, during the Plan year including catch-up contributions. The traditional safe harbor matching contribution is equal to 100% of participants’ elective deferrals up to 3% of their compensation for the Plan year, plus 50% of the participants’ elective deferrals that exceed 3% of their compensation up to 5% of their compensation for the Plan year. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company made a traditional safe harbor matching contribution to the Plan of \$282,889. The Company may make annual discretionary profit sharing and qualified nonelective contributions to the Plan. There were no profit sharing or qualified nonelective contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2024.

*Participant Accounts* – Each participant’s account is credited with (a) the participant’s contribution, (b) the Company’s contributions, if any, and (c) an allocation of the Plan’s earnings. Each participant’s account is charged with participant withdrawals and an allocation of Plan losses and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

*Vesting* – Participants are always 100% immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon, and in safe harbor and profit sharing/nonelective contributions made by Marque of Brands Americas LLC. This means employees have full ownership of these contributions as soon as they are made, regardless of their length of service. A vesting schedule may apply to other Employer contributions, determining the percentage an employee is entitled to based on years of service.

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### Note 1—Description of the Plan (continued)

*Notes Receivable From Participants* – Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates ranging from 9% to 10%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

*Benefits Paid to Participants* – Withdrawals are made on a lump-sum basis or at the participant's option as a deferred annuity upon retirement, disability, termination, or proof of hardship. If death occurs prior to retirement, the participant's account is paid to the designated beneficiary. The Plan allows participants to make hardship withdrawals to satisfy certain immediate and financial needs. A participant may request a hardship withdrawal for certain qualifying expenses as defined by the Plan document, and within what the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") deems an immediate and financial need of the participant.

*Forfeitures* – Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment before becoming entitled to their full benefits under the Plan. Forfeitures may be used to reduce Employer contributions or administrative expenses. At December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled), forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$-0- and \$-0-, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2024 (Audited), \$480 in forfeitures were used to pay administrative expenses and/or offset employer contributions.

*Administration* – The Company is the Plan administrator and has the authority to appoint persons or entities to carry out the operations of the Plan. Guideline, Inc. provides recordkeeping services and Benefit Trust Company is the trustee and custodian of the Plan.

### Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies

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

*Use of Estimates* – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator and the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Such estimates include those regarding fair value. Actual results, as determined at a later date, could differ from those estimates.

*Administrative Expenses* – The Plan is administered the Plan Sponsor. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Plan Sponsor. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Substantially all administrative expenses are paid either directly by the Plan Sponsor or by the account of the Participant or through forfeitures. Expenses paid by the Plan Sponsor are excluded from these financial statements.

*Investment Valuation and Income Recognition* – The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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

*Investment Options* – Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee and Employer contributions in any of the investment options offered by the Plan.

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### Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

*Notes Receivable from Participants* - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan Document. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in the administrative expenses when incurred.

*Payment of Benefits* – Benefits are recorded when paid.

*Risks and Uncertainties* – Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rates, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participant's account balances, and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

### Note 3—Fair value measurements

The Plan follows the fair value measurements topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820, which defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value.

The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

*Level 1* – Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date.

*Level 2* – Inputs to the valuation methodology are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value can be determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies; and

*Level 3* – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable inputs in situations where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability and the reporting entity makes estimates and assumptions related to the pricing of the asset or liability including assumptions regarding risk.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following is a description of the valuation methodology used for instruments measured at fair value.

*Mutual Funds* – These investments are public investment vehicles valued using the net asset value (“NAV”) provided by the administrator of the fund. NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. NAV is calculated using quoted prices available in active markets and classified at Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

The Plan believes the valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants; however, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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**Note 3—Fair value measurements (continued)**

The Plan's financial instruments carried at fair value are classified by the following fair value hierarchy levels as of:

	December 31, 2024 (Audited)			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Mutual funds	\$ 2,059,441	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,059,441
Total Investment at Fair Value	<u>\$ 2,059,441</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,059,441</u>

  

	December 31, 2023 (Compiled)			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Mutual funds	\$ 1,059,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,059,925
Total Investment at Fair Value	<u>\$ 1,059,925</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,059,925</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2024, there were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2 and no transfers in or out of Level 3 investments.

**Note 4—Information certified by the trustee (unaudited)**

The Plan Sponsor has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Benefit Trust Company, the qualified institution, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of the following data included in the accompanying financial statements:

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

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

**Note 5—Party-in-interest transactions**

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by an affiliate of Benefit Trust Company. Benefit Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, those transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan and deducted from participant accounts for contract administrative expenses amounted to \$1,245 for the year ended December 31, 2024 (Audited), and are included in administrative expenses on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Note receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

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#### **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, all amounts credited to participants' accounts will become 100% vested.

#### **Note 7—Tax status**

The Plan has obtained a determination letter, dated September 26, 2024, from the IRS stating the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended, revised, and restated since the date of the opinion letter. However, the Plan administrator believes the Plan, as amended, revised, and restated, remains in accordance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and has no income subject to unrelated business income tax and, therefore, the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled), there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements.

#### **Note 8—Subsequent events**

In accordance with U.S. GAAP related to subsequent events, the Plan has evaluated all events subsequent to the statement of net assets available for benefits date of December 31, 2024 (Audited) through January 20, 2026, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**MARQUE OF BRANDS AMERICAS 401(k) PLAN**  
**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**  
**FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i**  
**EIN: 61-1814007, PLAN NUMBER: 001**

DECEMBER 31, 2024

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investments, Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value	Current Value
<b>Mutual Funds:</b>			
Vanguard	500 Index Fund Admiral Shares	\$ 6,771	
Vanguard	Communication Services Index Fund Admiral Shares	549	
Vanguard	Developed Markets Index Fund Admiral Shares	390,239	
Vanguard	Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	196,420	
Vanguard	Federal Money Market Fund	65	
Vanguard	Financials Index Fund Admiral Shares	506	
Vanguard	Growth Index Fund Admiral Shares	10,368	
	International Dividend Appreciation Index Fund Admiral Shares	556	
Vanguard	Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	3,328	
Vanguard	Real Estate Index Fund Admiral Shares	100,979	
	Short-Term Inflation - Protected Securities Index Fund Admiral Shares	7,573	
Vanguard	Small-Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	3,305	
Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Fund Admiral Shares	296,259	
Vanguard	Total International Bond Index Fund Admiral Shares	102,236	
Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	3,486	
Vanguard	Total Stock Market Index Fund Admiral Shares	930,064	
Vanguard	Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	6,737	
<b>Total Mutual Funds</b>		<b>2,059,441</b>	
<b>Notes Receivable</b>			
*	<b>from Participants</b>	Bearing interest at 9.00% to 10.00% and maturing through November 2029.	42,061
<b>Total Assets (Held at End of Year)</b>		<b>\$ 2,101,502</b>	

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

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

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

***As of December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled)  
and for the Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Audited)***

***And Report of Independent Auditor***

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Note: All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

## Report of Independent Auditor

To the Trustee and Participants  
Marque of Brands Americas 401(k) Plan  
Alexandria, Tennessee

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Marque of Brands Americas 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). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled), and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our 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 and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investments information, as described in Note 4 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments; administering the Plan; and determining 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* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our 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 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

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

The supplemental schedule, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is 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 supplemental schedule, 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 generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

### **Report on Compiled 2023 Financial Statements**

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

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### Note 1—Description of the Plan

The following description of Marque of Brands Americas 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

*General* – The Plan was established on January 1, 2021, by Marque of Brands Americas LLC (the “Company”, “Employer” or “Plan Sponsor”). The Plan is a defined-contribution plan intended to qualify under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Plan covers all eligible employees of the Company. Employees become eligible to participate in the Plan upon attainment of age 18 and achievement of 3 months of service. The Plan excludes eligibility for independent contractors, union employees whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement under which retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining (unless the collective bargaining agreement requires the employee to be included within the Plan), leased employees, residents of Puerto Rico, and certain nonresident aliens who have no earned income from sources within the United States cannot participate in the Plan. Plan entry dates are the first payroll that is administratively feasible to implement after the requirements are met, but no later than two weeks.

*Participant Contributions* – Eligible participants may elect to contribute a portion of their compensation to the Plan, subject to the IRC limitations for 401(k) plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also rollover amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. Roth contributions are permitted by the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain limitations allowed under Section 402(g) of the IRC. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral set at 1% of eligible compensation and their contributions are invested in a designated balance fund until changed by the participant.

*Employer Contributions* – The Company makes traditional safe harbor matching contributions based on a percentage of the participant’s eligible contributions, during the Plan year including catch-up contributions. The traditional safe harbor matching contribution is equal to 100% of participants’ elective deferrals up to 3% of their compensation for the Plan year, plus 50% of the participants’ elective deferrals that exceed 3% of their compensation up to 5% of their compensation for the Plan year. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company made a traditional safe harbor matching contribution to the Plan of \$282,889. The Company may make annual discretionary profit sharing and qualified nonelective contributions to the Plan. There were no profit sharing or qualified nonelective contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2024.

*Participant Accounts* – Each participant’s account is credited with (a) the participant’s contribution, (b) the Company’s contributions, if any, and (c) an allocation of the Plan’s earnings. Each participant’s account is charged with participant withdrawals and an allocation of Plan losses and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

*Vesting* – Participants are always 100% immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon, and in safe harbor and profit sharing/nonelective contributions made by Marque of Brands Americas LLC. This means employees have full ownership of these contributions as soon as they are made, regardless of their length of service. A vesting schedule may apply to other Employer contributions, determining the percentage an employee is entitled to based on years of service.

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### Note 1—Description of the Plan (continued)

*Notes Receivable From Participants* – Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates ranging from 9% to 10%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

*Benefits Paid to Participants* – Withdrawals are made on a lump-sum basis or at the participant's option as a deferred annuity upon retirement, disability, termination, or proof of hardship. If death occurs prior to retirement, the participant's account is paid to the designated beneficiary. The Plan allows participants to make hardship withdrawals to satisfy certain immediate and financial needs. A participant may request a hardship withdrawal for certain qualifying expenses as defined by the Plan document, and within what the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") deems an immediate and financial need of the participant.

*Forfeitures* – Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment before becoming entitled to their full benefits under the Plan. Forfeitures may be used to reduce Employer contributions or administrative expenses. At December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled), forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$-0- and \$-0-, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2024 (Audited), \$480 in forfeitures were used to pay administrative expenses and/or offset employer contributions.

*Administration* – The Company is the Plan administrator and has the authority to appoint persons or entities to carry out the operations of the Plan. Guideline, Inc. provides recordkeeping services and Benefit Trust Company is the trustee and custodian of the Plan.

### Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies

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

*Use of Estimates* – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator and the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Such estimates include those regarding fair value. Actual results, as determined at a later date, could differ from those estimates.

*Administrative Expenses* – The Plan is administered the Plan Sponsor. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Plan Sponsor. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Substantially all administrative expenses are paid either directly by the Plan Sponsor or by the account of the Participant or through forfeitures. Expenses paid by the Plan Sponsor are excluded from these financial statements.

*Investment Valuation and Income Recognition* – The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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

*Investment Options* – Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee and Employer contributions in any of the investment options offered by the Plan.

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### Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

*Notes Receivable from Participants* - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan Document. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in the administrative expenses when incurred.

*Payment of Benefits* – Benefits are recorded when paid.

*Risks and Uncertainties* – Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rates, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participant's account balances, and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

### Note 3—Fair value measurements

The Plan follows the fair value measurements topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820, which defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value.

The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

*Level 1* – Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date.

*Level 2* – Inputs to the valuation methodology are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value can be determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies; and

*Level 3* – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable inputs in situations where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability and the reporting entity makes estimates and assumptions related to the pricing of the asset or liability including assumptions regarding risk.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following is a description of the valuation methodology used for instruments measured at fair value.

*Mutual Funds* – These investments are public investment vehicles valued using the net asset value (“NAV”) provided by the administrator of the fund. NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. NAV is calculated using quoted prices available in active markets and classified at Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

The Plan believes the valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants; however, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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**Note 3—Fair value measurements (continued)**

The Plan's financial instruments carried at fair value are classified by the following fair value hierarchy levels as of:

	<b>December 31, 2024 (Audited)</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	
Mutual funds	\$ 2,059,441	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,059,441
Total Investment at Fair Value	<u>\$ 2,059,441</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,059,441</u>

  

	<b>December 31, 2023 (Compiled)</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	
Mutual funds	\$ 1,059,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,059,925
Total Investment at Fair Value	<u>\$ 1,059,925</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,059,925</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2024, there were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2 and no transfers in or out of Level 3 investments.

**Note 4—Information certified by the trustee (unaudited)**

The Plan Sponsor has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Benefit Trust Company, the qualified institution, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of the following data included in the accompanying financial statements:

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

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

**Note 5—Party-in-interest transactions**

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by an affiliate of Benefit Trust Company. Benefit Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, those transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan and deducted from participant accounts for contract administrative expenses amounted to \$1,245 for the year ended December 31, 2024 (Audited), and are included in administrative expenses on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Note receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

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### **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, all amounts credited to participants' accounts will become 100% vested.

### **Note 7—Tax status**

The Plan has obtained a determination letter, dated September 26, 2024, from the IRS stating the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended, revised, and restated since the date of the opinion letter. However, the Plan administrator believes the Plan, as amended, revised, and restated, remains in accordance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and has no income subject to unrelated business income tax and, therefore, the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled), there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements.

### **Note 8—Subsequent events**

In accordance with U.S. GAAP related to subsequent events, the Plan has evaluated all events subsequent to the statement of net assets available for benefits date of December 31, 2024 (Audited) through January 20, 2026, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**MARQUE OF BRANDS AMERICAS 401(k) PLAN**  
**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**  
**FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i**  
**EIN: 61-1814007, PLAN NUMBER: 001**

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investments, Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value	Current Value
<b>Mutual Funds:</b>			
Vanguard	500 Index Fund Admiral Shares	\$ 6,771	
Vanguard	Communication Services Index Fund Admiral Shares	549	
Vanguard	Developed Markets Index Fund Admiral Shares	390,239	
Vanguard	Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	196,420	
Vanguard	Federal Money Market Fund	65	
Vanguard	Financials Index Fund Admiral Shares	506	
Vanguard	Growth Index Fund Admiral Shares	10,368	
	International Dividend Appreciation Index Fund Admiral Shares	556	
Vanguard	Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	3,328	
Vanguard	Real Estate Index Fund Admiral Shares	100,979	
	Short-Term Inflation - Protected Securities Index Fund Admiral Shares	7,573	
Vanguard	Small-Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	3,305	
Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Fund Admiral Shares	296,259	
Vanguard	Total International Bond Index Fund Admiral Shares	102,236	
Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	3,486	
Vanguard	Total Stock Market Index Fund Admiral Shares	930,064	
Vanguard	Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	6,737	
<b>Total Mutual Funds</b>		<u>2,059,441</u>	
<b>Notes Receivable</b>			
*	<b>from Participants</b>	Bearing interest at 9.00% to 10.00% and maturing through November 2029.	42,061
<b>Total Assets (Held at End of Year)</b>		<u>\$ 2,101,502</u>	

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

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