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| <div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</div> <div>2025</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
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| Part I                                                                                     | Annual Report Identification Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 08/01/2025 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| A                                                                                          | This return/report is for: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) _____</div></div> |
| B                                                                                          | This return/report is: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the final return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div>                                                                           |
| C                                                                                          | If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| D                                                                                          | Check box if filing under: <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)</div></div>                                                                                                                            |
| E                                                                                          | If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| Part II | Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1a      | Name of plan<br>ALLEN & OVERY ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1b      | Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1c      | Effective date of plan<br>01/01/2002                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2a      | Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br>ALLEN OVERY SHEARMAN STERLING US LLP<br><br>599 LEXINGTON AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 |
| 2b      | Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>13-5514352                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2c      | Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br>212-848-4000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2d      | Business code (see instructions)<br>541110                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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.

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 05/04/2026 | DARREN HYNDMAN                                               |
|           | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| SIGN HERE |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|           | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| SIGN HERE |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|           | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br><br><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>                                                                             |
| <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:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>5</b> 501                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <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> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><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) .....<br><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) .....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <b>6a(1)</b> 305<br><b>6a(2)</b> 0<br><b>6b</b> 0<br><b>6c</b> 0<br><b>6d</b> 0<br><b>6e</b> 0<br><b>6f</b> 0<br><b>6g(1)</b> 455<br><b>6g(2)</b> 0<br><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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2S 2T 3D

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

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <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 0
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 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><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Service Provider Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>2025</b>                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
| For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 08/01/2025                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br>ALLEN & OVERY ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                                                                                                                                                                                | 002                                            |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>ALLEN OVERY SHEARMAN STERLING US LLP                                                                                                                     | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>13-5514352                                                                                                                                                            |                                                |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Service Provider Information (see instructions)</b> |
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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).

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

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 37 60 64 65            | RECORDKEEPER                                                                                      | 28580                                                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 26                     | INVESTMENT ADVISOR                                                                                | 18990                                                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                                    | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL                                                         | 60                                                                                                                                                                 | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation                        | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                                    | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL                                                         | 60                                                                                                                                                                 | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation                        | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                                    | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL                                                         | 60                                                                                                                                                                 | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation                        | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

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

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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| <div>SCHEDULE D<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><br/>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service<br/><br/>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> | <div>DFE/Participating Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2025</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |
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| For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 08/01/2025            |                                                      |     |
| A Name of plan<br>ALLEN & OVERY ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN                                                | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 002 |
| C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>ALLEN OVERY SHEARMAN STERLING US LLP | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>13-5514352 |     |

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| Part I | Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)<br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | FA STABLE VALUE I |
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| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY |
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| c EIN-PN 04-3022712-026 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0 |
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| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: |  |
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| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): |  |
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| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: |  |
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| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): |  |
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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

**a** Plan name**b** Name of  
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| <div>SCHEDULE H</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Financial Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2025</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 08/01/2025                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <div>A Name of plan</div> <div>ALLEN &amp; OVERY ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <div>B Three-digit plan number (PN)</div> <div>002</div>                                       |
| <div>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500</div> <div>ALLEN OVERY SHEARMAN STERLING US LLP</div>                                                                                                                                                           | <div>D Employer Identification Number (EIN)</div> <div>13-5514352</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                |

| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Asset and Liability Statement |                       |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1</b> 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. <b>Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.</b> 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>                     | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1b(1)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1b(2)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1b(3)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <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>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(3)(A)</b>               | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> All other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(3)(B)</b>               | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(4)(A)</b>               | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(4)(B)</b>               | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1c(5)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(6)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>1c(7)</b>                  | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(8)</b>                  | 125720                | 0               |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1c(9)</b>                  | 544619                | 0               |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>1c(10)</b>                 | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(11)</b>                 | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(12)</b>                 | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>1c(13)</b>                 | 50096490              | 0               |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(14)</b>                 | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(15)</b> Other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1c(15)</b>                 | 0                     | 0               |

| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                               |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities .....                                         | <b>1d(1)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                      | <b>1d(2)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>1e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....   | <b>1e</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>1f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) ..... | <b>1f</b>    | 50766829              | 0               |

**Liabilities**

|                                                                            |           |   |   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| <b>1g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b> | 0 | 0 |
| <b>1h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b> | 0 | 0 |
| <b>1i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b> | 0 | 0 |
| <b>1j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b> | 0 | 0 |
| <b>1k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b> | 0 | 0 |

**Net Assets**

|                                                            |           |          |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---|
| <b>1l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) ..... | <b>1l</b> | 50766829 | 0 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---|

**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: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....                                        | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Participants .....                                                                              | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 2682143    |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....                                                              | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 92826      |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    | 0          |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 2774969   |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>                                                                          |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....       | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                        | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                         | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 4926       |           |
| <b>(F)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                              | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 4926      |
| (2) Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....                                                            | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Common stock .....                                                                              | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                  | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 192969     |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                  | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 192969    |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            | 0         |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....                                 | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                              | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                  | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            | 0         |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate .....                         | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....         | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            | 0         |

|                                                                                                 |               | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                              | <b>2b(6)</b>  |            | 5840      |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | <b>2b(7)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                      | <b>2b(8)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....                            | <b>2b(9)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | <b>2b(10)</b> |            | 4529837   |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....                                                                     | <b>2c</b>     |            | 0         |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....        | <b>2d</b>     |            | 7508541   |

**Expenses**

|                                                                                             |               |         |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |               |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....             | <b>2e(1)</b>  | 5736080 |         |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....                               | <b>2e(2)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (3) Other .....                                                                             | <b>2e(3)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....                 | <b>2e(4)</b>  |         | 5736080 |
| <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>     |         | 0       |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses:                                                           |               |         |         |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....                                                           | <b>2i(1)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (2) Contract administrator fees .....                                                       | <b>2i(2)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees .....                                                                | <b>2i(3)</b>  | 28581   |         |
| (4) IQPA audit fees .....                                                                   | <b>2i(4)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                                | <b>2i(5)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                                      | <b>2i(6)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....                                                                    | <b>2i(7)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (8) Legal fees .....                                                                        | <b>2i(8)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....                                                          | <b>2i(9)</b>  | 0       |         |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....                                                  | <b>2i(10)</b> | 0       |         |
| (11) Other expenses .....                                                                   | <b>2i(11)</b> | 18990   |         |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....        | <b>2i(12)</b> |         | 47571   |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | <b>2j</b>     |         | 5783651 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|                                                                               |              |  |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--|----------|
| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | <b>2k</b>    |  | 1724890  |
| <b>l</b> Transfers of assets:                                                 |              |  |          |
| (1) To this plan .....                                                        | <b>2l(1)</b> |  | 0        |
| (2) From this plan .....                                                      | <b>2l(2)</b> |  | 52491719 |

**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: EISNERAMPER LLP

(2) EIN: 87-1363769

**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.)                 |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <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.) |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <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.)                                                                                                                             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <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.)                                                                                                                  |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | 500000 |
| <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?                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <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?                                                                                                                                       |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <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?                                                                                                                             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <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.)                                                                                                                                                   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <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.)                                                                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <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?                                                                                                                                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |        |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <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.                                                                                                                        |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |

**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) |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| ALLEN & OVERY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN | 13-5514352          | 004                |
| A & O SHEARMAN 401K PLAN                 | 13-5514352          | 003                |
|                                          |                     |                    |
|                                          |                     |                    |

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div>SCHEDULE R<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><br/>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service<br/><br/>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br/><br/>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>                                                                                                                            | <div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2025</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |
| For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 08/01/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| A Name of plan<br>ALLEN & OVERY ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002                                                            |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>ALLEN OVERY SHEARMAN STERLING US LLP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>13-5514352                                            |
| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Distributions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                 |
| All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                                               |
| 2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):<br><br>EIN(s): 04-6568107                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3                                                                                               |
| Part II                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                 |
| 4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6a                                                                                              |
| b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6b                                                                                              |
| c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6c                                                                                              |
| If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Part III                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Amendments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |
| 9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... <input type="checkbox"/> Increase <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> No          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Part IV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |
| 10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Schedule R (Form 5500) 2025 v. 250312                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

**a** The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

**14a**

**b** The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

**14b**

**c** The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

**14c**

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

**a** The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

**15a**

**b** The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

**15b**

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

**a** Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

**16a**

**b** If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

**16b**

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

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

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

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

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%

High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

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

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

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation.....

## **Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

- 21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☒ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

- 22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

**ALLEN & OVERY ASSOCIATES  
401(k) PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUGUST 1, 2025 and DECEMBER 31, 2024

# ALLEN & OVERY ASSOCIATES 401(k) PLAN

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Plan Administrator, Participants and Beneficiaries  
of the Allen & Overy Associates 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Allen & Overy Associates 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of August 1, 2025 and December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the final period ended August 1, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### ***Opinion***

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

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



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### ***Basis for Opinion***

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

### ***Emphasis of Matter***

As further discussed in Note A to the financial statements, the Plan was merged into the A&O Shearman 401(k) Plan (formerly known as the Shearman & Sterling LLP Retirement Savings Plan) on August 1, 2025. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.



In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the 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.

*EisnerAmper LLP*

EISNERAMPER LLP  
Iselin, New Jersey  
April 28, 2026



## ALLEN & OVERY ASSOCIATES 401(k) PLAN

### Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

|                                          | <b>August 1,<br/>2025</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2024</b> |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                          |                           |                              |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                           |                              |
| Investments at fair value                | \$ -                      | \$ 50,641,109                |
| Notes receivable from participants       | -                         | 125,720                      |
|                                          |                           |                              |
| <b>Net assets available for benefits</b> | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 50,766,829</b>         |

## ALLEN & OVERY ASSOCIATES 401(k) PLAN

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Final Period Ended August 1, 2025

#### Additions:

Investment income:

|                                                                   |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Net realized/unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments | \$ 4,529,837 |
| Interest and dividends                                            | 198,809      |

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4,728,646

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|                                                       |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | 4,926 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|

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Contributions:

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Participants | 2,682,143 |
| Rollovers    | 92,826    |

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2,774,969

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|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Total additions | 7,508,541 |
|-----------------|-----------|

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#### Deductions:

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Benefits paid to participants | 5,736,080 |
| Administrative expenses       | 47,571    |

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|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Total deductions | 5,783,651 |
|------------------|-----------|

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|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Net increase prior to transfers | 1,724,890 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|

|                                         |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Transfers to related plan (see Note B)  | (312,052)    |
| Transfer out - Plan merger (see Note A) | (52,179,667) |

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|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Net decrease</b> | <b>(50,766,829)</b> |
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| Net assets available for benefits - beginning | 50,766,829 |
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| <b>Net assets available for benefits - ending</b> | <b>\$ -</b> |
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## **ALLEN & OVERY ASSOCIATES 401(k) PLAN**

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

**August 1, 2025 and December 31, 2024**

#### **NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

The following description of the Allen & Overy Associates 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

##### **[1] General:**

The Plan was a defined contribution plan covering substantially all associates and counsel of Allen & Overy LLP (the "Firm") provided they were 21 years of age or older. The Plan was subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The trustee of the Plan was Fidelity Management Trust Company and the recordkeeper was Fidelity Workplace Services LLC (together "Fidelity"). The Firm is the Plan Administrator.

Allen & Overy LLP merged with Shearman & Sterling LLP on May 1, 2024, and the merged Firm's name officially became Allen Overy Shearman Sterling US LLP on May 1, 2024.

In conjunction with the integration of the employee benefit plans of Allen Overy Shearman Sterling US LLP, effective August 1, 2025, the Plan was merged into the Shearman & Sterling LLP Retirement Savings Plan, which was renamed the A&O Shearman 401(k) Plan (the "Merged Plan") effective August 1, 2025. During the seven-month period ended August 1, 2025, the Plan assets totaling \$52,179,667 were transferred into the Merged Plan.

##### **[2] Contributions:**

Participants contributed up to 100% of their annual eligible compensation as pre-tax or Roth deferrals, as defined by the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year were eligible to make catch-up contributions. In no event can participant deferrals exceed any statutory limitations. The Plan also provided that the Firm make a discretionary nonelective contribution to eligible participant accounts in the ratio of each eligible participant's compensation to the total compensation of all eligible participants for the nonelective contribution period, as defined by the Plan. To receive the discretionary nonelective contribution, participants had to be employed on the last day of the contribution period and earn at least 1,000 hours, unless they retired, died or became disabled during the Plan year, as further defined in the Plan. The Firm did not elect to make discretionary nonelective contributions during the final period ended August 1, 2025.

Effective January 1, 2025, the Plan was amended to remove the 1,000 hours requirement, and to add a six month eligibility service requirement for the discretionary nonelective contributions.

Participants could also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. These amounts are classified as rollover contributions in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period ended August 1, 2025.

Participants directed the investment of participant and employer contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Plan included an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees were automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elected not to participate in the Plan within 35 days after their hire date. Automatically enrolled participants had their deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation on a pre-tax basis.

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**NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**[3] Participant accounts:**

Each participant's account was credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Firm's contributions, (b) Plan earnings/(losses), and could be charged with an allocation of administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations were based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant was entitled was the benefit that could be provided from the participant's vested account.

Participants directed the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Firm contributions were automatically invested in accordance with each participant's individual investment allocations. Participants could reallocate investments on a daily basis.

**[4] Vesting:**

Participants were immediately vested in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the discretionary nonelective contribution, plus actual earnings thereon, was as follows:

| <u>Years of<br/>Service</u> | <u>Vesting</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 0 - 1 year                  | 0%             |
| 2 years                     | 100%           |

**[5] Notes receivable from participants:**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants was recorded when it was earned. Participants could borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms ranged from one to five years; however, terms could have been extended to up to 10 years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans were secured by the balance in the participant's account and bore interest at a rate of prime plus 1%, as determined by the Plan administrator. Interest rates on outstanding loan balances ranged from 4.25% to 9.50% at December 31, 2024. Principal and interest were paid ratably through payroll deductions. Delinquent notes receivable from participants were reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Related fees were recorded as administrative expenses and were expensed when incurred.

**[6] Payment of benefits:**

Upon death, disability, retirement, or termination of employment, a participant could elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Effective September 23, 2024, installment payments and partial withdrawals were added as benefit payment options under the Plan.

**[7] Forfeitures:**

Forfeited nonvested accounts could be used to reduce Firm contributions and pay Plan expenses. During the final period ended August 1, 2025, the Plan utilized \$533 of forfeitures to offset Plan expenses. In addition, \$8,027 was transferred out in connection with the merger. There were no forfeited nonvested accounts available at August 1, 2025 and December 31, 2024.

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#### **NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**[1] Basis of accounting:**

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual method of accounting.

**[2] Use of estimates:**

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

**[3] Investment valuation and income recognition:**

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

**[4] Payment of benefits:**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

**[5] Plan expenses:**

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Firm. Expenses that are paid by the Firm are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants were charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in mutual funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, investment related expenses are included in the net appreciation of fair value of investments.

**[6] Transfers to related plan:**

The Firm also sponsored the Allen & Overy 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Profit Sharing Plan") for substantially all employees other than those classified as associates and counsel. If employees changed their employee classification status, their account balances could be transferred from the Plan into the Profit Sharing Plan. During the final period ended August 1, 2025, there were \$312,052 of transfers from the Plan into the Profit Sharing Plan.

**[7] Subsequent events:**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through April 28, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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### Notes to Financial Statements August 1, 2025 and December 31, 2024

#### NOTE C - INVESTMENT CERTIFICATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the U.S. Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and related investment activity and notes receivable from participants and related activity as of July 31, 2025 and for the period January 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025 and as of December 31, 2024 in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of August 1, 2025 and December 31, 2024, and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the final period ended August 1, 2025.

#### NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

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

*Level 2* – Inputs to the valuation methodology include: (1) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or (4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investment assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of August 1, 2025 and December 31, 2024.

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

*Stable value common collective trust* – Valued at the NAV of units of a collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the Plan will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Withdrawals made to accommodate a participant-directed exchange to another investment option under the Plan may be made on any business day, provided that the exchange is not directed into a competing fund; transferred amounts must be held in a non-competing investment option for 90 days before subsequent transfer to a competing fund can occur. Withdrawals directed by the Firm must be preceded by a 12-month written notice to the trustee; provided, however, that the trustee may, in its discretion complete any such plan-level withdrawal before the expiration of such 12-month period.

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#### NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

#### Investment Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024

|                                                     | <u>Level 1</u>       | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Total</u>         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Mutual funds                                        | \$ 50,096,490        | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ 50,096,490        |
| Total investment assets in the fair value hierarchy | <u>\$ 50,096,490</u> | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>50,096,490</u>    |
| <b>Investments measured at NAV (A):</b>             |                      |                |                |                      |
| Stable value common collective trust                |                      |                |                | <u>544,619</u>       |
| <b>Total investments assets at fair value</b>       |                      |                |                | <u>\$ 50,641,109</u> |

(A) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

#### Changes in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another.

#### NOTE E - TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan with CODA sponsored by FMR LLC. On June 30, 2020, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") stated in an opinion letter that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan was designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt.

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#### **NOTE E - TAX STATUS (CONTINUED)**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by a government authority. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of August 1, 2025, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

#### **NOTE F - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain investments were managed by Fidelity. Therefore, transactions related to these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan also paid investment advisory and accountant fees. As service providers to the Plan, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to Fidelity were \$28,580 for the final period ended August 1, 2025. Fees paid by the Plan to the investment advisor were \$18,991 for the final period ended August 1, 2025.

#### **NOTE G - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

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

#### **NOTE H - MUTUAL FUND FEES**

Investments in mutual funds are subject to sales charges in the form of front-end loads, back-end loads, or 12b-1 fees. 12b-1 fees, which are ongoing fees allowable under Section 12b-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, are annual fees deducted to pay for marketing and distribution costs of the funds. These fees are deducted prior to the allocation of the Plan's investment earnings activity and thus are not separately identifiable as an expense.