

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☒ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information	
1a	Name of plan CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 401(K) PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
		1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1999
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 505 20TH STREET NORTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 63-1056824 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 205-221-8613 2d Business code (see instructions) 531310

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.			
Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.			
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/16/2026	ALAN Z ENGEL
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/16/2026	ALAN Z ENGEL
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 218
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1) 188 6a(2) 177 6b 2 6c 31 6d 210 6e 0 6f 210 6g(1) 114 6g(2) 119 6h 2
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CROWNE PARTNERS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 63-1056824	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
71-0294708	86509	YH4021	210	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	402301
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	5954694

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP PENSION FUNDING**

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	410282
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	61072	
(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)		
(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)	11554	
(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)		
(5) Other (specify below).....	7c(5)	5664	

▶ **LOAN REPAYMENTS**

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	78290
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	488572
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	30905	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	3674	
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	2235	
(4) Other (specify below).....	7e(4)	7346	

▶ **NEW LOAN(S) ISSUED MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY**

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	44160
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f	444412
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2024
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CROWNE PARTNERS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 63-1056824

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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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).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY
71-0294708

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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)

WARREN AVERETT, LLC

45-4084437

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	SERVICE PROVIDER	14500	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 64	SERVICE PROVIDER	4821	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC

20-8764829

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
99	SERVICE PROVIDER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	14828	Yes ☐ No ☒

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC	99	14828

(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 (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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Explanation:

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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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
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CROWNE PARTNERS, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 63-1056824

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	123923	118441
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	1036035	2031741
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	4085656	3764873
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	410282	444412
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	5655896	6359467
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	5655896	6359467

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	92962	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	556039	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		649001
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	8680	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	11554	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		20234
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		756708
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		-3338
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1422605

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	697938	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		697938
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		1775
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	1600	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	6216	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	11505	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		19321
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		719034

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		703571
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **WARREN AVERETT, LLC**

(2) EIN: **45-4084437**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024		
A Name of plan CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CROWNE PARTNERS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 63-1056824	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 71-0294708	
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	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6	a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
	b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
	c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.				
7	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8	If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9	If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ 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
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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
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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 <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702844A</u> .	

**CROWNE PARTNERS, INC.
401(k) PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023



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by Warren Averett, LLC.

**CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
Crowne Partners, Inc. 401(k) Plan

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

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

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 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 – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the 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 the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than 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 the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Other Matters

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Modified Cash Basis, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis), other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis), other than the information in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) 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).

Warren Averett, LLC

Birmingham, Alabama
October 10, 2025

CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Investments:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 5,954,694	\$ 5,121,691
Investments, at contract value	<u>444,412</u>	<u>410,282</u>
Total investments	6,399,106	5,531,973
Notes receivable from participants	<u>118,441</u>	<u>123,923</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 6,517,547</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,655,896</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements.

CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS –
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO

Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 911,686
Interest and dividends	11,318
	<u>923,004</u>
Total investment gain	923,004
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	8,680
Contributions:	
Participant	556,039
Employer	92,962
	<u>649,001</u>
Total contributions	649,001

TOTAL ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS	1,580,685
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO

Benefits paid to participants	699,713
Administrative expenses	19,321
	<u>719,034</u>

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS	719,034
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NET INCREASE	861,651
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,655,896
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 6,517,547
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See notes to the financial statements.

**CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

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

General

The Plan, as amended, is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Crowne Partners, Inc. and its affiliates (the Company) who have attained 180 days of service, as defined, and are at least 21 years of age. The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for oversight of the Plan, determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitors investment performance. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants are also permitted to contribute Roth after-tax deferrals to the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (rollovers). The Company contributes a discretionary matching contribution determined annually by the Company. During 2024, the Company contributed 100% of the first 1.5% of base compensation that a participant contributed to the Plan. The Plan also provides for discretionary profit-sharing contributions. There were no discretionary profit-sharing contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024. In order to receive the discretionary matching or profit-sharing contribution, employees must be 21 years of age, complete at least 1,000 hours of service for the Plan year and be actively employed as an eligible employee on the last day of the Plan year. During 2024, the Plan was amended to increase the Company's discretionary matching contribution to 2% of base compensation for participants earning \$100,000 or more annually and 4% of base compensation for participants earning less than \$100,000 annually. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct all contributions to selected investments as made available and determined by the Plan Administrator in 1% increments. All Plan participants have the option to self-direct their investments, which allows them to direct their investments into other desired investments outside the investment options offered by the Plan. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, no participants had a self-directed account. Participants may change their investment options daily.

Participant Accounts

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

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Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Participants are vested in the Company's contributions plus actual earnings thereon based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after four years of credited service.

Payment of Benefits

The Plan permits withdrawals when a participant terminates employment, reaches retirement age or becomes disabled or deceased. In-service withdrawals are also permitted for certain financial hardships or when a participant attains age 59½. Benefits are payable in lump-sum payments, periodic payments over a period of time not exceeding the life expectancy of the participant and participant beneficiary, if applicable, or a rollover of his or her account balance.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures are used to pay Plan expenses or reduce future employer contributions. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$6,148 and \$17,452, respectively. During 2024, \$14,500 was used to pay administrative expenses from forfeited nonvested accounts.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000. Loan terms range from one to five years, or over a reasonable period of time for the purchase of a participant's primary residence, as established by the Plan Administrator at the time of the loan. The loans are collateralized by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator. These rates range from 3.25% to 8.50% on loans outstanding as of December 31, 2024, and mature through 2029. Principal and interest are paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The modified cash basis of accounting is the cash basis of accounting with adjustment of investments to fair value. Therefore, receivables and payables arising from employer and employee contributions and other transactions, which would be recognized under GAAP and which may be material in amount, are not recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company's Board of Directors determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by investment advisors and trustees. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measurement for the portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the modified cash basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. If a participant ceases to make the scheduled repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant to be in default, the participant's note receivable is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded based on the terms of the Plan. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Administrative expenses include fees related to the administration of notes receivable that are charged directly to the participant's account and certain accounting and recordkeeping fees paid by the Plan. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

The Plan's management has evaluated subsequent events (events occurring after December 31, 2024) through October 10, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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3. CERTIFIED INFORMATION

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule (modified cash basis), including investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Voya Institutional Trust Company (VOYA).

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

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

Separate Accounts: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares in each account held by the Plan at year end. The NAV is not a publicly quoted price in an active market. The NAV, as provided by the insurance carrier, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.

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The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments measured at NAV ^(a)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,954,694

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments measured at NAV ^(a)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,121,691

^(a) In accordance with the Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-07 (Subtopic 820-10), certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is estimated using NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Investment	Fair Value December 31		Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period	
	2024	2023				
Separate accounts:						
Asset Allocation	(e)	\$ 1,654,356	\$ 1,694,076	None	Daily	None
Large Cap Value	(d)	1,353,984	1,103,394	None	Daily	None
Small/Mid/Specialty	(b)	874,540	702,083	None	Daily	None
Large Cap Growth	(a)	800,876	638,813	None	Daily	None
Global/International	(c)	715,488	533,636	None	Daily	None
Balanced	(h)	253,213	232,020	None	Daily	None
Bond	(f)	297,755	203,555	None	Daily	None
Money Market	(g)	4,482	14,114	None	Daily	None
		\$ 5,954,694	\$ 5,121,691			

(a) Large cap growth funds invest primarily in stocks of larger United States companies employing an investment style of growth. A growth fund invests in the stocks of companies that are growing rapidly. Growth companies tend to reinvest all or most of their profits for research and development rather than pay dividends. Growth funds are focused on generating capital gains rather than income.

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- (b) Small cap, mid-cap and "specialty" funds are in this category, employing investment styles of growth, value or a blend of growth and value. These funds seek capital appreciation by investing primarily in stocks of small and medium-sized companies. Generally, these companies are striving to develop new products or markets and have above-average earning growth potential. "Specialty" or "sector" funds invest in stocks of companies in a particular industry.
- (c) These funds invest in stocks of companies outside of the United States. There are two main types of funds in this category. Global funds have an investment style of World Stock. These funds invest in stocks of companies in the United States and developed countries outside of the United States. Emerging Markets funds invest in securities of developing countries and demonstrate the greatest volatility of performance due to the unstable nature of their economies, political structures and currencies.
- (d) These funds invest in a combination of assets such as aggressive stocks, international stocks, large-company stocks, government bonds, foreign bonds or money markets. The allocation percentage to each asset type may be fixed, bounded by a range, or determined at the discretion of the manager. Managers of these funds review market conditions regularly and refine the asset allocation mixture they believe will achieve the best risk adjusted performance based on the stated objectives and "target" allocations of the particular fund.
- (e) Asset allocation funds seek long-term growth of capital or a combination of growth and income by investing primarily in stocks of larger, mature companies. The investment styles exhibited are value and "blend." Stocks are selected for price appreciation and for the value of the current income provided through dividends.
- (f) Assets are invested in fixed income securities that have been determined to be appropriate for its investment goal. Investors here are primarily seeking income or growth of income, with less emphasis on capital appreciation.
- (g) Assets are invested in conservative investment options that seek – but not necessarily guarantee – to hold the principal value of an investment stable through all market conditions.
- (h) These funds seek to "balance" growth of principal and current income by investing in a combination of stocks and bonds (generally holding 60-70% equity and 30-40% fixed income). The investment style used here is either moderate allocation or conservative allocation. Some funds have fixed asset allocations and others allow managers discretion to allocate between equities and bonds, depending on their view of return and risk.

To assess the appropriate classification of investments within the fair value hierarchy, the availability of market data is monitored. Changes in economic conditions or valuation techniques may require the transfer of investments from one fair value level to another.

The Plan evaluates the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the investment and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits.

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5. FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACT

The Plan has a traditional, fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with VOYA Retirement and Insurance and Annuity Company (VOYA RIAC) that is reported at contract value. VOYA RIAC maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with contributions, earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer, but it may not be less than 1.00%. Such interest rates are reviewed on an annual basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with the fully benefit-responsive investment contract is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the IRC
2. Premature termination of the contracts
3. Plan termination or merger
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options
5. Bankruptcy of the Company or other Company events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract
3. A material misrepresentation
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer

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6. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

VOYA is the trustee and custodian of the Plan; therefore, transactions with the trustee and custodian qualify as party-in-interest transactions. In 2024, the Plan made direct payments to the trustee/custodian and Plan auditors in the amount of \$19,321 for recordkeeping and audit services. The Company also paid certain administrative expenses of the Plan.

7. PLAN TERMINATION

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

8. TAX STATUS

The Plan adopted a non-standardized form of a prototype plan sponsored by VOYA RIAC. The prototype plan has received an opinion letter from the IRS as to the prototype plan's qualified status. The prototype plan opinion letter has been relied upon by this Plan. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

The modified cash basis of accounting requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken any significant uncertain tax positions that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. 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 participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
EIN: 63-1056824
PLAN NUMBER: 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i –
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(e) Current Value
*	Voya	American Funds Cap World Growth & Income R6	\$ 195,745
*	Voya	BlackRock Global Allocation Fund K	253,213
*	Voya	BNYM SL MC Stk Ind Fd Ins	378,975
*	Voya	BNYM SL Small Cap 600 SIF Inst	316,160
*	Voya	ClearBridge Large Cap Growth CIT R2	800,876
*	Voya	ClearBridge Small Cap Growth Fnd IS	97,287
*	Voya	Congress Mid-Cap Growth Fund CIT Fndr	42,967
*	Voya	Fed Hermes Total Return Bond MS	163,244
*	Voya	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	1,198,760
*	Voya	Hartfd Schd Emrg Mkts Eq SDR	8,576
*	Voya	JPMorgan Mid-Cap Value Fnd R6	13,868
*	Voya	Macquarie Small Cap Value R6	25,283
*	Voya	MFS Value Fund R6	155,224
*	Voya	Schroder Intl Alpha Tr H1	348,433
*	Voya	State Street Global All Cap Eq Ex-U.S. Ind SL Srs F - II CIT	162,734
*	Voya	State Street U.S. Bond Index SL Series Fund - Class XIV CIT	134,511
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	22,506
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	248,496
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	200,052
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	207,571
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	53,781
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	347,157
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	249,436
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	146,059
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund	46,826
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Fund	580
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	131,892
*	Voya	Government Money Market Fund - Class A	4,482
			5,954,694
*	Voya	Guaranteed Investment Contract: Fixed Account	444,412
*	Participants	Participant Loans: 3.25% - 8.50%; maturing through 2029	118,441
			<u>\$ 6,517,547</u>

* *Party-in-interest to the Plan*

Column (d) has not been presented as this information is not applicable.

This schedule is presented in compliance with DOL filing requirements.



Attachment to 2024 Form 5500

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets

(Held at End of Year)

Crowne Partners, Inc. 401(k) Plan

EIN 63-1056824

Plan 001

As of December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investments including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity date	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	American Funds Cap Wld G&I R6	Registered Investment Company		\$195,745
	BNYM SL MC Stk Ind Fd Ins	Common Collective Trust		\$378,975
	BNYM SL Small Cap 600 SIF Inst	Common Collective Trust		\$316,160
	BlkRck Global Alloc Fnd K	Registered Investment Company		\$253,213
	ClrBrg LgCp Grw CIT R2	Common Collective Trust		\$800,876
	ClrBrg SmCp Grw Fd IS	Registered Investment Company		\$97,287
	Congress Md Cp Grw Fd CIT Fndr	Common Collective Trust		\$42,967
	Fed Hermes Total Ret Bond MS	Common Collective Trust		\$163,244
	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Registered Investment Company		\$1,198,760
	Hartfd Schd Emrg Mkts Eq SDR	Registered Investment Company		\$8,576
	JPMorgan Mid Cap Value Fnd R6	Registered Investment Company		\$13,868
	MFS Value Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$155,224
	Macq Small Cap Value R6	Registered Investment Company		\$25,283
	S St Gl Al Cp Eq xUS I SL S II	Common Collective Trust		\$162,734
	SStr US Bond Index SL Fd XIV	Common Collective Trust		\$134,511
	Schroder Intl Alpha Tr H1	Common Collective Trust		\$348,433
	Vangrd Trgt Retire 2025 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$22,506
	Vangrd Trgt Retire 2030 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$248,496
	Vangrd Trgt Retire 2035 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$200,052
	Vangrd Trgt Retire 2040 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$207,571
	Vangrd Trgt Retire 2045 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$53,781
	Vangrd Trgt Retire 2050 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$347,157



Attachment to 2024 Form 5500

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets
(Held at End of Year)
Crowne Partners, Inc. 401(k) Plan
EIN 63-1056824
Plan 001

	Vangrd Trgt Retire 2055 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$249,436
	Vangrd Trgt Retire 2060 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$146,057
	Vangrd Trgt Retire 2065 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$46,826
	Vangrd Trgt Retire 2070 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$580
	Vangrd Trgt Retire Inc Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$131,892
*	Voya Fixed Account (4062)	Insurance Company General Account		\$444,412
*	Voya Gv Mny Mkt F A (Hld Acct)	Registered Investment Company		\$4,482
	Loan Fund	Participant Loans - Rates 3.25% to 8.50%		\$118,441
	TOTAL			\$6,517,547

* denotes party-in-interest
Column (d) is not required as the Plan investments are totally participant directed.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023



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by Warren Averett, LLC.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
Crowne Partners, Inc. 401(k) Plan

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

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

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 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 – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the 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 the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than 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 the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Other Matters

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Modified Cash Basis, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis), other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis), other than the information in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) 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).

Warren Averett, LLC

Birmingham, Alabama
October 10, 2025

CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Investments:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 5,954,694	\$ 5,121,691
Investments, at contract value	<u>444,412</u>	<u>410,282</u>
Total investments	6,399,106	5,531,973
Notes receivable from participants	<u>118,441</u>	<u>123,923</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 6,517,547</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,655,896</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements.

**CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS –
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO

Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 911,686
Interest and dividends	11,318
Total investment gain	923,004
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	8,680
Contributions:	
Participant	556,039
Employer	92,962
Total contributions	649,001

TOTAL ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS	1,580,685
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO

Benefits paid to participants	699,713
Administrative expenses	19,321

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS	719,034
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NET INCREASE	861,651
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,655,896
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 6,517,547
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See notes to the financial statements.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

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

General

The Plan, as amended, is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Crowne Partners, Inc. and its affiliates (the Company) who have attained 180 days of service, as defined, and are at least 21 years of age. The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for oversight of the Plan, determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitors investment performance. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants are also permitted to contribute Roth after-tax deferrals to the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (rollovers). The Company contributes a discretionary matching contribution determined annually by the Company. During 2024, the Company contributed 100% of the first 1.5% of base compensation that a participant contributed to the Plan. The Plan also provides for discretionary profit-sharing contributions. There were no discretionary profit-sharing contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024. In order to receive the discretionary matching or profit-sharing contribution, employees must be 21 years of age, complete at least 1,000 hours of service for the Plan year and be actively employed as an eligible employee on the last day of the Plan year. During 2024, the Plan was amended to increase the Company's discretionary matching contribution to 2% of base compensation for participants earning \$100,000 or more annually and 4% of base compensation for participants earning less than \$100,000 annually. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct all contributions to selected investments as made available and determined by the Plan Administrator in 1% increments. All Plan participants have the option to self-direct their investments, which allows them to direct their investments into other desired investments outside the investment options offered by the Plan. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, no participants had a self-directed account. Participants may change their investment options daily.

Participant Accounts

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

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Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Participants are vested in the Company's contributions plus actual earnings thereon based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after four years of credited service.

Payment of Benefits

The Plan permits withdrawals when a participant terminates employment, reaches retirement age or becomes disabled or deceased. In-service withdrawals are also permitted for certain financial hardships or when a participant attains age 59½. Benefits are payable in lump-sum payments, periodic payments over a period of time not exceeding the life expectancy of the participant and participant beneficiary, if applicable, or a rollover of his or her account balance.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures are used to pay Plan expenses or reduce future employer contributions. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$6,148 and \$17,452, respectively. During 2024, \$14,500 was used to pay administrative expenses from forfeited nonvested accounts.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000. Loan terms range from one to five years, or over a reasonable period of time for the purchase of a participant's primary residence, as established by the Plan Administrator at the time of the loan. The loans are collateralized by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator. These rates range from 3.25% to 8.50% on loans outstanding as of December 31, 2024, and mature through 2029. Principal and interest are paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The modified cash basis of accounting is the cash basis of accounting with adjustment of investments to fair value. Therefore, receivables and payables arising from employer and employee contributions and other transactions, which would be recognized under GAAP and which may be material in amount, are not recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company's Board of Directors determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by investment advisors and trustees. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measurement for the portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the modified cash basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. If a participant ceases to make the scheduled repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant to be in default, the participant's note receivable is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded based on the terms of the Plan. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Administrative expenses include fees related to the administration of notes receivable that are charged directly to the participant's account and certain accounting and recordkeeping fees paid by the Plan. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

The Plan's management has evaluated subsequent events (events occurring after December 31, 2024) through October 10, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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3. CERTIFIED INFORMATION

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule (modified cash basis), including investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Voya Institutional Trust Company (VOYA).

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

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

Separate Accounts: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares in each account held by the Plan at year end. The NAV is not a publicly quoted price in an active market. The NAV, as provided by the insurance carrier, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.

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The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments measured at NAV ^(a)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,954,694

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments measured at NAV ^(a)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,121,691

^(a) In accordance with the Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-07 (Subtopic 820-10), certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is estimated using NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Investment		Fair Value		Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
		December 31 2024	2023			
Separate accounts:						
Asset Allocation	(e)	\$ 1,654,356	\$ 1,694,076	None	Daily	None
Large Cap Value	(d)	1,353,984	1,103,394	None	Daily	None
Small/Mid/Specialty	(b)	874,540	702,083	None	Daily	None
Large Cap Growth	(a)	800,876	638,813	None	Daily	None
Global/International	(c)	715,488	533,636	None	Daily	None
Balanced	(h)	253,213	232,020	None	Daily	None
Bond	(f)	297,755	203,555	None	Daily	None
Money Market	(g)	4,482	14,114	None	Daily	None
		\$ 5,954,694	\$ 5,121,691			

(a) Large cap growth funds invest primarily in stocks of larger United States companies employing an investment style of growth. A growth fund invests in the stocks of companies that are growing rapidly. Growth companies tend to reinvest all or most of their profits for research and development rather than pay dividends. Growth funds are focused on generating capital gains rather than income.

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- (b) Small cap, mid-cap and "specialty" funds are in this category, employing investment styles of growth, value or a blend of growth and value. These funds seek capital appreciation by investing primarily in stocks of small and medium-sized companies. Generally, these companies are striving to develop new products or markets and have above-average earning growth potential. "Specialty" or "sector" funds invest in stocks of companies in a particular industry.
- (c) These funds invest in stocks of companies outside of the United States. There are two main types of funds in this category. Global funds have an investment style of World Stock. These funds invest in stocks of companies in the United States and developed countries outside of the United States. Emerging Markets funds invest in securities of developing countries and demonstrate the greatest volatility of performance due to the unstable nature of their economies, political structures and currencies.
- (d) These funds invest in a combination of assets such as aggressive stocks, international stocks, large-company stocks, government bonds, foreign bonds or money markets. The allocation percentage to each asset type may be fixed, bounded by a range, or determined at the discretion of the manager. Managers of these funds review market conditions regularly and refine the asset allocation mixture they believe will achieve the best risk adjusted performance based on the stated objectives and "target" allocations of the particular fund.
- (e) Asset allocation funds seek long-term growth of capital or a combination of growth and income by investing primarily in stocks of larger, mature companies. The investment styles exhibited are value and "blend." Stocks are selected for price appreciation and for the value of the current income provided through dividends.
- (f) Assets are invested in fixed income securities that have been determined to be appropriate for its investment goal. Investors here are primarily seeking income or growth of income, with less emphasis on capital appreciation.
- (g) Assets are invested in conservative investment options that seek – but not necessarily guarantee – to hold the principal value of an investment stable through all market conditions.
- (h) These funds seek to "balance" growth of principal and current income by investing in a combination of stocks and bonds (generally holding 60-70% equity and 30-40% fixed income). The investment style used here is either moderate allocation or conservative allocation. Some funds have fixed asset allocations and others allow managers discretion to allocate between equities and bonds, depending on their view of return and risk.

To assess the appropriate classification of investments within the fair value hierarchy, the availability of market data is monitored. Changes in economic conditions or valuation techniques may require the transfer of investments from one fair value level to another.

The Plan evaluates the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the investment and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits.

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5. FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACT

The Plan has a traditional, fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with VOYA Retirement and Insurance and Annuity Company (VOYA RIAC) that is reported at contract value. VOYA RIAC maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with contributions, earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer, but it may not be less than 1.00%. Such interest rates are reviewed on an annual basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with the fully benefit-responsive investment contract is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the IRC
2. Premature termination of the contracts
3. Plan termination or merger
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options
5. Bankruptcy of the Company or other Company events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract
3. A material misrepresentation
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer

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6. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

VOYA is the trustee and custodian of the Plan; therefore, transactions with the trustee and custodian qualify as party-in-interest transactions. In 2024, the Plan made direct payments to the trustee/custodian and Plan auditors in the amount of \$19,321 for recordkeeping and audit services. The Company also paid certain administrative expenses of the Plan.

7. PLAN TERMINATION

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

8. TAX STATUS

The Plan adopted a non-standardized form of a prototype plan sponsored by VOYA RIAC. The prototype plan has received an opinion letter from the IRS as to the prototype plan's qualified status. The prototype plan opinion letter has been relied upon by this Plan. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

The modified cash basis of accounting requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken any significant uncertain tax positions that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. 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 participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

CROWNE PARTNERS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
EIN: 63-1056824
PLAN NUMBER: 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i –
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(e) Current Value
*	Voya	American Funds Cap World Growth & Income R6	\$ 195,745
*	Voya	BlackRock Global Allocation Fund K	253,213
*	Voya	BNYM SL MC Stk Ind Fd Ins	378,975
*	Voya	BNYM SL Small Cap 600 SIF Inst	316,160
*	Voya	ClearBridge Large Cap Growth CIT R2	800,876
*	Voya	ClearBridge Small Cap Growth Fnd IS	97,287
*	Voya	Congress Mid-Cap Growth Fund CIT Fndr	42,967
*	Voya	Fed Hermes Total Return Bond MS	163,244
*	Voya	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	1,198,760
*	Voya	Hartfd Schd Emrg Mkts Eq SDR	8,576
*	Voya	JPMorgan Mid-Cap Value Fnd R6	13,868
*	Voya	Macquarie Small Cap Value R6	25,283
*	Voya	MFS Value Fund R6	155,224
*	Voya	Schroder Intl Alpha Tr H1	348,433
*	Voya	State Street Global All Cap Eq Ex-U.S. Ind SL Srs F - II CIT	162,734
*	Voya	State Street U.S. Bond Index SL Series Fund - Class XIV CIT	134,511
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	22,506
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	248,496
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	200,052
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	207,571
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	53,781
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	347,157
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	249,436
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	146,059
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund	46,826
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Fund	580
*	Voya	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	131,892
*	Voya	Government Money Market Fund - Class A	4,482
			<u>5,954,694</u>
		Guaranteed Investment Contract:	
*	Voya	Fixed Account	444,412
		Participant Loans:	
*	Participants	3.25% - 8.50%; maturing through 2029	118,441
			<u>\$ 6,517,547</u>

* *Party-in-interest to the Plan*

Column (d) has not been presented as this information is not applicable.

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