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.**

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1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

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.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] 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
GROUP PENSION PLAN FOR EES OF SPRINGER SCIENCE BUSINESS MEDIA

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

1c Effective date of plan 12/31/1974

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)
SPRINGER SCIENCE + BUSINESS MEDIA,LLC

JENNIFER THIEBAUD

1 NEW YORK PLAZA
SUITE 4600
NEW YORK, NY 10004

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2509538

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
212-460-1500

2d Business code (see instructions)
511190

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/12/2026	JENNIFER THIEBAUD
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a	Plan administrator's name and address [X] 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:	**4b**	EIN
a	Sponsor's name	**4d**	PN
c	Plan Name		

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	251
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	**6a(1)**	31
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	29
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	107
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	90
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	226
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	24
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	250
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	0
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

1A 1D 1I

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1) [ ]	Insurance	**(1)** [ ]	Insurance
(2) [ ]	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)** [ ]	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) [X]	Trust	**(3)** [X]	Trust
(4) [ ]	General assets of the sponsor	**(4)** [ ]	General assets of the sponsor

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

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [X] **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)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [X] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of $1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan
GROUP PENSION PLAN FOR EES OF SPRINGER SCIENCE BUSINESS MEDIA

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
SPRINGER SCIENCE + BUSINESS MEDIA,LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2509538

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [ ] 100 or fewer [X] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	25869358
b Actuarial value	**2b**	24820858

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	121	12680020	12680020
b For terminated vested participants	99	5551287	5551287
c For active participants	31	3099247	3120947
d Total	251	21330554	21352254

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	

5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.36 %
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	0
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	110000
c Target normal cost	**6c**	110000

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

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

SIGN HERE

Signature of actuary

08/13/2026
Date

WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN, EA, MAAA
Type or print name of actuary

26-05493
Most recent enrollment number

MERCER
Firm name

609-520-2482
Telephone number (including area code)

1 UNIVERSITY SQUARE DR, SUITE 100
PRINCETON, NJ 08540-6455
Address of the firm

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

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	882848
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	882848
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 7.00 %	0	61799
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 5.12 %		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	944647

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	111.82 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	116.24 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	113.99 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
			Totals ► 18(b)	0	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	0

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

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

21 Discount rate:

	1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
a Segment rates:	5.07 %	5.31 %	5.50 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	4
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	63

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☐ Prescribed - combined ☒ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ☐ Yes ☒ No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	**27**	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

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

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c)	**31a**	110000
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	110000

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____)_and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	0

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	0
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)		
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	0
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

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

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2025** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SPRINGER SCIENCE + BUSINESS MEDIA,LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2509538

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

ONE WALL STREET, 33RD FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10286

13-5160382

(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?
19	PLAN TRUSTEE (CUSTODIAN)	107360	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

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

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

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

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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: ANDREA J. DANCH
b EIN: 04-2509538
c Position: ENROLLED ACTUARY
d Address: ONE UNIVERSITY SQUARE DRIVE
SUITE 100
PRINCETON, NJ 08540-6455
e Telephone: 609-520-2578

Explanation: THE SIGNING ENROLLED ACTUARY ASSIGNED TO THE NATURE AMERICA, INC. PLAN WAS CHANGED TO WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN.

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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A Name of plan
GROUP PENSION PLAN FOR EES OF SPRINGER SCIENCE BUSINESS MEDIA

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SPRINGER SCIENCE + BUSINESS MEDIA,LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2509538

Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	BNYM-I DB NSL HIGH YIELD FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON		
c EIN-PN 25-6078093-352	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	799901
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	BNYM-M DB SL EM SIF		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON		
c EIN-PN 25-6078093-189	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	273847
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	EB TEMPORARY INVESTMENT FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON		
c EIN-PN 25-6078093-023	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	217979
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	BNYM-M DB SL SC SIF		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON		
c EIN-PN 25-6078093-009	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	556265
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	BNYM-M DB SL LC GROWTH SIF		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON		
c EIN-PN 25-6078093-003	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2234514
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	BNYM-M DB SL INTL SIF		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON		
c EIN-PN 25-6078093-034	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	946688
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	BNYM-M DB SL LC VALUE SIF		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON		
c EIN-PN 25-6078093-005	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2257684

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BNY MELLON U.S. REIT FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

c EIN-PN 25-6078093-230	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 399094

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BNYM-M DB SL LT GOVT BIF

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

c EIN-PN 25-6078093-063	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8301181

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BNYM-M DB SL LT CREDIT BIF

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

c EIN-PN 25-6078093-062	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8777456

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BNYM-M DB SL INT GOVT BIF

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

c EIN-PN 25-6078093-061	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2112343

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

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

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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

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SCHEDULE G (Form 5500)

Department of Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Financial Transaction Schedules

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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A Name of plan
GROUP PENSION PLAN FOR EES OF SPRINGER SCIENCE BUSINESS MEDIA

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SPRINGER SCIENCE + BUSINESS MEDIA,LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2509538

Part I Schedule of Loans or Fixed Income Obligations in Default or Classified as Uncollectible

Complete as many entries as needed to report all loans or fixed income obligations in default or classified as uncollectible. Check box (a) if obligor is known to be a party in interest. Attach Overdue Loan Explanation for each loan listed. See Instructions.

(a)	(b) Identity and address of obligor	(c) Detailed description of loan including dates of making and maturity, interest rate, the type and value of collateral, any renegotiation of the loan and the terms of the renegotiation, and other material items
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	Amount received during reporting year			Amount overdue	
(d) Original amount of loan	(e) Principal	(f) Interest	(g) Unpaid balance at end of year	(h) Principal	(i) Interest

(a)	(b) Identity and address of obligor	(c) Detailed description of loan including dates of making and maturity, interest rate, the type and value of collateral, any renegotiation of the loan and the terms of the renegotiation, and other material items
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Part II Schedule of Leases in Default or Classified as Uncollectible

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(a)	(b) Identity of lessor/lessee	(c) Relationship to plan, employer, employee organization, or other party-in-interest	(d) Terms and description (type of property, location and date it was purchased, terms regarding rent, taxes, insurance, repairs, expenses, renewal options, date property was leased)
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(e) Original cost	(f) Current value at time of lease	(g) Gross rental receipts during the plan year	(h) Expenses paid during the plan year	(i) Net receipts	(j) Amount in arrears

(a)	(b) Identity of lessor/lessee	(c) Relationship to plan, employer, employee organization, or other party-in-interest	(d) Terms and description (type of property, location and date it was purchased, terms regarding rent, taxes, insurance, repairs, expenses, renewal options, date property was leased)
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Part III Nonexempt Transactions

Complete as many entries as needed to report all nonexempt transactions. **Caution:** If a nonexempt prohibited transaction occurred with respect to a disqualified person, file Form 5330 with the IRS to pay the excise tax on the transaction.

(a) Identity of party involved	(b) Relationship to plan, employer, or other party-in-interest	(c) Description of transaction including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Purchase price
LESLIE SAGE	ANNUITY PAID FOR PARTY IN INTEREST	AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PLAN SPONSOR MISTAKENLY PAID FROM THE WRONG PLAN	

(e) Selling price	(f) Lease rental	(g) Transaction expenses	(h) Cost of asset	(i) Current value of asset	(j) Net gain (or loss) on each transaction
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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SPRINGER SCIENCE + BUSINESS MEDIA,LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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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)	645	413
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	224388	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	25644325	26876952
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
1e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
1f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	25869358	26877365
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g		
1h Operating payables	1h		
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
1j Other liabilities	1j		
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	25869358	26877365

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)		
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		0
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	4	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		4
(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)		0
(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)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		2384839
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2384843
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1269476	
(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)		1269476
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	107360	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(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)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		107360
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1376836
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		1008007
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) [X] 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) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [X] 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: BAKER TILLY US, LLP **(2)** EIN: 30-1413443

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.)	**4a**		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**	X		27528
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**	X		
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**			
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.	**4n**			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] 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.) ..... [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 590050.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A Name of plan
GROUP PENSION PLAN FOR EES OF SPRINGER SCIENCE BUSINESS MEDIA

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SPRINGER SCIENCE + BUSINESS MEDIA,LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2509538

Part I Distributions

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions ..... | 1 | 0

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

EIN(s): 13-5160382

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

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year ..... | 3 | 0

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ 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

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☒ No

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

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):

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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): _____

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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): _____

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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 _____

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/_____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

Group Pension Plan for Employees of Springer Science + Business Media, LLC

Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information

December 31, 2025 and 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of
Group Pension Plan for Employees of Springer Science + Business Media, LLC

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Group Pension Plan for Employees of Springer Science + Business Media, LLC (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended and the statement of accumulated plan benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in accumulated plan benefits for the year then ended, 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 (DOL) 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP and Baker Tilly US, LLP, trading as Baker Tilly, are members of the global network of Baker Tilly International Ltd., the members of which are separate and independent legal entities. Baker Tilly US, LLP is a licensed CPA firm that provides assurance services to its clients. Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP and its subsidiary entities provide tax and consulting services to their clients and are not licensed CPA firms.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, Schedule G, Part III - Schedule of Non-Exempt Transactions, Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions as of or for the year ended December 31, 2025 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

- The information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 8, 2026

Group Pension Plan for Employees of Springer Science + Business Media, LLC

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Investments		
Investments at fair value		
Common collective trusts	$ 26,876,952	$ 25,868,713
Total investments	26,876,952	25,868,713
Receivables		
Accrued interest receivable	413	645
Total assets	26,877,365	25,869,358
Net assets available for benefits	$ 26,877,365	$ 25,869,358

See notes to financial statements

Group Pension Plan for Employees of Springer Science + Business Media, LLC

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Additions		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 2,384,839	$ 1,732,784
Interest and dividends	4	2
Total investment income	2,384,843	1,732,786
Total additions	2,384,843	1,732,786
Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants	1,269,476	1,210,760
Administrative expenses	107,360	106,952
Total deductions	1,376,836	1,317,712
Net increase	1,008,007	415,074
Net assets available for benefits		
Beginning of year	25,869,358	25,454,284
End of year	$ 26,877,365	$ 25,869,358

See notes to financial statements

Group Pension Plan for Employees of Springer Science + Business Media, LLC

Statement of Accumulated Plan Benefits

December 31, 2024

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	
Vested benefits	
Participants and beneficiaries currently receiving payments	$ 13,192,855
Other participants	9,171,877
Total vested benefits	22,364,732
Nonvested benefits	18,688
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	$ 22,383,420

See notes to financial statements

Group Pension Plan for Employees of Springer Science + Business Media, LLC

Statement of Changes in Accumulated Plan Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at beginning of year	$ 22,484,165
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to:	
Benefits accumulated	(35,974)
Increase for interest due to decrease in discount period	1,145,989
Benefits paid	(1,210,760)
Net decrease	(100,745)
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at end of year	$ 22,383,420

See notes to financial statements

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Group Pension Plan for Employees of Springer Science + Business Media, LLC (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all employees of Springer Science + Business Media, LLC (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Securities Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan's retirement plan committee has overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan's administrator determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's retirement plan committee.

Effective December 31, 2010, the Plan was amended to freeze participation and accrued benefits under the Plan.

Funding Policy

The Plan's funding policy is for the Company to contribute an amount which will meet or exceed the annual ERISA minimum funding requirement. No participant contributions are permitted. The minimum funding requirements of ERISA were met for 2025 and 2024.

Although it has not expressed any intention 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 set forth in ERISA.

Pension Benefits

Participants with five or more years of credited service are entitled to annual pension benefits beginning at normal retirement age (65) equal to 1% of their average monthly compensation plus 1.75% (for those born before January 1, 1938), 1.70% (for those born between January 1, 1938 and January 1, 1955), or 1.65% (for those born after January 1, 1955) of excess monthly covered compensation multiplied by number of years of service.

The Plan permits early retirement at ages 55 to 64 for participants with 15 or more years of credited service. Participants generally elect to receive the value of their accumulated plan benefits in the form of a life annuity (if single) or 50% or 100% qualified joint and survivor annuity (if married) upon retirement or termination. If participants terminate before rendering five years of service, they forfeit the right to receive their accumulated plan benefits.

Death and Disability Benefits

If a participant dies before benefit payments begin, a death benefit equal to 50% of the benefit that the participant would have received upon retirement, assuming the participant had elected a 50% joint and survivor annuity, is paid to the participant's beneficiary. A participant who is permanently disabled and qualifies for and receives benefits from Social Security, will be eligible for a disability benefit. The disability benefit will be determined in the same way as the normal retirement benefit.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein; disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities; and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements, and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

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

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

Payment of Benefits

Benefits payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Company, as provided by the plan document. Expenses that are paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 8, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions, that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died, and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits under the Plan are based on employees' compensation during each year of credited service. The accumulated plan benefits for active employees will equal the accumulation, with interest, of the annual benefit accruals as of the benefit information date. Benefits payable under all circumstances, such as retirement, death, disability, and termination of employment, are included, to the extent they are attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date. Benefits to be provided via annuity contracts excluded from plan assets are excluded from accumulated plan benefits.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by the Plan's independent actuary and is that amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

The computations of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits were made as of January 1, 2025. Had the valuation been performed as of December 31, there would be no material differences. The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation were:

Assumption	January 1, 2025
Discount rate	5.25%
Mortality	Pri-2012 Mortality Table using Scale MP-2021
Retirement age	Age 65

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

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 under authoritative guidance are described as follows:

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

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- 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 any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observables and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Investments measured at net asset value: Consisting of common collective trusts, valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the common collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Investments in common collective trusts of $26,876,952 and $25,868,713 at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) and have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

Fair Value of Investments That Calculate Net Asset Value

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31, 2025 and 2024. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

December 31, 2025	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Common collective trusts	$ 26,876,952	$ -	Daily	90 days

December 31, 2024	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Common collective trusts	$ 25,868,713	$ -	Daily	90 days

5. Concentrations

As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Plan had investments of $17,078,637 and $21,810,412, respectively, that were concentrated in two and four funds, respectively.

6. Information Certified by Custodian

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA for 2025 and 2024. Accordingly, The Bank of New York Mellon, the Custodian of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reported in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025, and the related investment activity reported in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025 and the information reported in the supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2025.

7. Related-Party and Party in Interest Transactions

The Plan's investments are administered under a contract with The Bank of New York Mellon, the Custodian of the Plan. Contributions are held and managed by The Bank of New York Mellon, who invests cash received, interest and dividend income and makes distributions to participants. These transactions are party in interest transactions under ERISA.

As described in Note 2, the Plan paid certain expenses related to plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. Additionally, certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. These transactions are party in interest transactions under ERISA.

Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in the fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. The Custodian receives revenue from investment fund service providers for services the Custodian provides to the funds. This revenue is used to offset certain amounts owed to the Custodian for its administrative services to the Plan. If the revenue received by the Custodian from such investment fund service providers exceeds the amount owed for its services, the Custodian remits the excess to the Plan's trust on a quarterly basis. The Plan or Plan Sponsor may make a payment to the Custodian for administrative expenses not covered by revenue sharing.

8. Plan Termination

In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated, as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations, generally to provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

1. Annuity benefits that former employees or their beneficiaries have been receiving for at least three years, or that employees eligible to retire for that three-year period would have been receiving if they had retired with benefits in the normal form of annuity under the Plan. The priority amount is limited to the lowest benefit that was payable (or would have been payable) during those three years. The amount is further limited to the lowest benefit that would be payable under Plan provisions in effect at any time during the five years preceding Plan termination.
2. Other vested benefits insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) (a U.S. government agency) up to the applicable limitations.
3. All other vested benefits (that is, vested benefits not insured by the PBGC).
4. All nonvested benefits.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivor's pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the Plan Sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

9. Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated November 21, 2014, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

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

10. 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 the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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

11. Nonexempt Transaction

During the plan year ended December 31, 2025, a nonexempt prohibited transaction occurred under ERISA and the IRC. An employee of the Company received a distribution in error from the Plan totaling $27,528 that should have been processed and distributed from a separate defined contribution plan sponsored by the Company. Because the employee was not a participant in this Plan and had no accrued benefit herein, this distribution constituted an impermissible transfer of plan assets to a party-in-interest.

Upon discovery of the error, management initiated corrective actions. The full amount of the distribution made in error, plus calculated interest to compensate the Plan for lost earnings, was repaid to the Plan by the Company in May 2026. The Company filed Form 5330 with the IRS to report the transaction and pay the applicable excise tax.

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Schedule G, Part III - Schedule of Non-Exempt Transactions

EIN: 04-2509538 Plan Number: 001

Year Ended December 31, 2025

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Relationship to Plan	(c) Description of the Transaction	(d) Purchase Price	(e) Selling Price	(f) Lease Rental	(g) Expenses	(h) Cost of Asset	(i) Current Value	(j) Net Gain/ (Loss)
Employee of plan sponsor (party in interest)	Employee of plan sponsor (party in interest)	An employee of the plan sponsor was paid in error from the incorrect plan	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 27,528	$ 27,528	$ -

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

EIN: 04-2509538 Plan Number: 001

December 31, 2025

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Common Collective Trusts				
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LT CREDIT BIF	$ 8,262,053	$ 8,777,456
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M SL LT GOVT BIF	8,436,489	8,301,181
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LC VALUE SIF	628,367	2,257,683
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LC GROWTH SIF	611,946	2,234,514
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BYNM-M DB SL INT GOVT BIF	2,066,099	2,112,344
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL INTL SIF	399,599	946,688
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-I DB NSL HIGH YIELD FUND	739,894	799,901
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL SC SIF	261,898	556,265
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	EB US REAL ESTATE FD	182,893	399,094
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL EM SIF	153,947	273,847
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	EB TEMP INV FD VAR RT 12/31/49 FEE CL 00	217,979	217,979
		Total investments at fair value	$21,961,164	$26,876,952

*A party in interest as defined by ERISA.

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Schedule H, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

EIN: 04-2509538 Plan Number: 001

Year Ended December 31, 2025

	(a) Identity of Party	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(e) Lease Rental	(f) Expenses	(g) Cost	(h) Current Value	(i) Net Gain/ (Loss)
Series Transactions									
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	EB TEMP INV FD VAR RT 12/31/49 FEE CL 00 40 Purchases	$ 1,540,749	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,540,749	$ 1,540,749	$ -
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	EB TEMP INV FD VAR RT 12/31/49 FEE CL 00 22 Sales	-	1,547,158	-	-	1,547,158	1,547,158	-
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LC GROWTH SIF 3 Purchases	325,000	-	-	-	325,000	325,000	-
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LC GROWTH SIF 8 Sales	-	1,600,000	-	-	489,795	1,600,000	1,110,205
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL INT GOVT BIF 6 Purchases	2,115,000	-	-	-	2,115,000	2,115,000	-
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL INT GOVT BIF 1 Sale	-	50,000	-	-	48,901	50,000	1,099
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LT GOVT BIF 5 Sales	-	1,050,000	-	-	1,088,075	1,050,000	(38,075)
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LT GOVT BIF 6 Purchases	2,050,000	-	-	-	2,050,000	2,050,000	-
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LT CREDIT BIF 3 Purchases	2,025,000	-	-	-	2,025,000	2,025,000	-
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LT CREDIT BIF 7 Sales	-	2,800,000	-	-	2,643,676	2,800,000	156,324
Total Series Transactions			$ 8,055,749	$ 7,047,158	$ -	$ -	$ 13,873,354	$ 15,102,907	$ 1,229,553

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Schedule H, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

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Year Ended December 31, 2025

	(a) Identity of Party	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(e) Lease Rental	(f) Expenses	(g) Cost	(h) Current Value	(i) Net Gain/ (Loss)
Single Transactions									
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LT GOVT BIF	$ 1,425,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,425,000	$ 1,425,000	$ -
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BYNM-M DB SL LT CREDIT BIF	1,650,000	-	-	-	1,650,000	1,650,000	-
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BYNM-M DB SL LT CREDIT BIF Sale	-	2,350,000	-	-	2,207,169	2,350,000	142,831
Total Single Transactions			$ 3,075,000	$ 2,350,000	$ -	$ -	$ 5,282,169	$ 5,425,000	$ 142,831

*A party in interest as defined by ERISA.

Schedule SB, line 26 — Schedule of active participant data

Attained age	Years of credited service										
	Under 1	1–4	5–9	10–14	15–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40 & up	Total
Under 25											
25–29											
30–34											
35–39											
40–44			1								1
45–49			1	1							2
50–54			3	2	1						6
55–59		1		1	4	4					10
60–64				3	4	3					10
65–69					1			1			2
70 & up											
Total		1	5	7	10	7		1			31

Schedule SB, Part V — Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Actuarial Assumptions

Discount Rate Sponsor Elections				
• Segment rates or full yield curve	Segment			
• Look-back months	4			
•	**Stabilized**	**Nonstabilized**		
• First 5 years	5.07%	5.07%		
• Next 15 years	5.31%	5.33%		
• Over 20 years	5.50%	5.36%		
• IRS effective interest rate	5.36%	5.32%		
Mortality sponsor elections	Section 430(h)(3) prescribed generational annuitant and nonannuitant mortality tables for 2025 plan year funding valuations, in accordance with IRS regulation 1.430(h)(3)-1. These tables are based on the base mortality rates from Pri-2012 mortality tables projected with mortality improvement based on the IRS methodology and modified projection scale MP-2021.			
Other economic assumptions				
• Salary increases	N/A			
• Social security wage base	N/A			
• Expected investment return	5.25% per year for 2025, 2024 and 5.50% per year for 2023.			
• Expected Expenses	$110,000			
Rationale for economic assumptions				
• Expected investment return	Approximately the median 20-year return from Mercer's Portfolio Return Calculator based on the Plan's actual asset allocation, net of an adjustment of 40 bps for investment expenses paid from the trust, rounded to 25 basis points.			
• Expected expenses	Based on projected administrative expenses for the current year.			
Demographic assumptions				
Withdrawal	See table of sample rates.			
Retirement age	See table of sample rates.			
Benefit commencement age for current and future vested deferred	Retirement age is assumed to be 62 if participant has 15 or more years of service, 65 otherwise			
Spouse assumptions	**Male participants**		**Female participants**	
• Percentage married	100%		100%	
• Spouse age difference	3 years younger		3 years older	
Form of payment	**Single life**	**10 Year C&C**	**50% J&S**	**100% J&S**
• Active retirements	60%	10%	15%	15%
• Future vested deferred	60%	10%	15%	15%
• Current vested deferred	60%	10%	15%	15%

Schedule SB, Part V — Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Rationale for demographic assumptions	
• Withdrawal & retirement	The withdrawal assumption is a long-term assumption that has not historically produced unexpected gains or losses. Retirement rates have been developed based on the actuary's experience with similar plans and the retirement subsidies the plan offers at various ages. Annual review of the experience has shown that these rates provide similar results to the actual rates of retirement experienced under the plan.
• Form of payment	This assumption reflects the approximate proportion of the Plan's current retiree population electing each of the optional forms of payment.
• Spouse assumptions	Because the plan provides a pre-retirement death benefit to all participants, the percent married is assumed to be 100%.

Schedule SB, Part V — Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Table of Sample Rates

Attained age	Withdrawal
30	16.21%
35	14.86%
40	13.10%
45	10.84%
50	7.92%
55	4.40%
60	1.20%

Retirement age	Percentage
55	2.50%
56	2.50%
57	2.50%
58	2.50%
59	2.50%
60	2.50%
61	2.50%
62	20.00%
63	2.50%
64	2.50%
65	100.00%

Schedule SB, Part V — Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Asset Methods

The asset valuation method is an average of the adjusted market value for each year during the last two years preceding the valuation date. The adjusted market value is the market value at each determination date adjusted to the valuation date based on actual cash flows and expected interest at the lesser of the expected rate of return and the third segment rate. This amount is adjusted to be no greater than 110 percent and no less than 90 percent of the fair market value, as defined in IRC Section 430.

A characteristic of this asset method is that, over time, it is slightly more likely to produce an actuarial value of assets that is less than the market value of assets than an actuarial value that is greater than the market value.

Financial data: We used financial data submitted as of the measurement date by The Bank of New York Mellon and Springer Nature, including any classification within the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820, without further audit. Customarily, this information would not be verified by a plan's actuary. We have reviewed the information for internal consistency and we have no reason to doubt its substantial accuracy.

Participant Methods

Participants or former participants are included or excluded from the valuation as described below:

- **Participants excluded:** No actuarial liability is included for nonvested participants who terminated prior to the valuation date. For this purpose, participants with a break in service on the valuation date are treated as terminated participants.

- **Insurance contracts**: The plan does not have any insurance contracts.

Minimum Funding Methods

The funding target for minimum funding calculations is computed using the traditional unit credit method of funding. The objective under this method is to fund each participant's benefits under the plan as they accrue. Thus, the total pension to which each participant is expected to become entitled at retirement is broken down into units, each associated with a year of past or future credited service.

A detailed description of the calculation follows:

- The plan's valuation date is the beginning of the plan year.

- An individual's **funding target** is the present value of future benefits based on credited service and average pay as of the beginning of the plan year, and an individual's **target normal cost** is the present value of the benefit expected to accrue in the plan year. If multiple decrements are used, the funding target and the target normal cost for an individual is the sum of the component funding targets and target normal costs associated with the various anticipated separation dates.

- The plan's **target normal cost** is the sum of the individual target normal costs, and the plan's **funding target** is the sum of the individual funding targets for all participants under the plan.

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Year Ended December 31, 2025

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SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of $1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan
GROUP PENSION PLAN FOR EES OF SPRINGER SCIENCE BUSINESS MEDIA

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
SPRINGER SCIENCE + BUSINESS MEDIA, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2509538

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [ ] 100 or fewer [X] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	25,869,358
b Actuarial value	**2b**	24,820,858

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	121	12,680,020	12,680,020
b For terminated vested participants	99	5,551,287	5,551,287
c For active participants	31	3,099,247	3,120,947
d Total	251	21,330,554	21,352,254

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	
5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.36%
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	0
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	110,000
c Target normal cost	**6c**	110,000

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

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

SIGN HERE

Signature of actuary

8-13-2026
Date

William F. O'Brien, EA, MAAA
Type or print name of actuary

2605493
Most recent enrollment number

MERCER
Firm name

609-520-2482
Telephone number (including area code)

1 UNIVERSITY SQUARE DR, SUITE 100

PRINCETON NJ 08540-6455
Address of the firm

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

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	882,848
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	882,848
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 7.00%	0	61,799
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 5.12%		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	944,647

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	111.82%
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	116.24%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	113.99%
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
			Totals ► 18(b)	0	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	0

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

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

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
5.07 %	5.31 %	5.50%	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code) **21b** 4

22 Weighted average retirement age **22** 63

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☐ Prescribed - combined ☒ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ☐ Yes ☒ No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment **27**

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years **28** 0

29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a) **29** 0

30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29) **30** 0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c) **31a** 110,000

b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a **31b** 110,000

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount **33**

34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33) **34** 0

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) **36** 0

37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) **37** 0

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36) **38a** 0

b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances **38b**

39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) **39** 0

40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years **40** 0

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

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

Schedule SB, line 22 — Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

Each employee is assumed to retire in accordance with the table of retirement rates. The proportion of employees expected to retire at each potential retirement age is shown below. The average retirement age is 63.

(A) Retirement age	(B) Retirement percent	(C) Number of employees	(D) Number of employees expected to retire (B) x (C)	(E) Accumulation of retirement ages (A) x (D)
55	2.50%	1,000.00	25.00	1,375.00
56	2.50%	975.00	24.38	1,365.28
57	2.50%	950.62	23.77	1,354.89
58	2.50%	926.85	23.17	1,343.86
59	2.50%	903.68	22.59	1,332.81
60	2.50%	881.09	22.03	1,321.80
61	2.50%	859.06	21.48	1,310.28
62	20.00%	837.58	167.52	10,386.24
63	2.50%	670.06	16.75	1,055.25
64	2.50%	653.31	16.33	1,045.12
65	100.0%	636.98	636.98	41,403.70
Total			1,000.00	63,294.23
Average				63.29

Schedule SB, Part V — Summary of Plan Provisions

Summary of Major Plan Provisions

Effective date and plan year	Original plan: January 1, 1974 Restated plan: January 1, 2013 as amended through December 31, 2024. Plan year: Calendar year
Status of the plan	Benefit accruals under the plan were frozen effective December 31, 2010.
Definitions	
• Eligibility	An employee is eligible to participate upon completing 1,000 hours of service and attaining age 21. Only employees hired on or before June 30, 2004 are eligible to participate in the plan.
• Employee contributions	The employer bears the full cost of benefits under the plan.
• Service considered	The sum of years and partial years of service where one year of service is credited for each calendar year in which the participant is credited with 1,000 or more hours of service. For the year of hire and termination, a partial year is credited on the basis of tenths of a year computed as total hours of service, divided by 1000, rounded to the next highest 0.10. For purposes of calculating credited service, no service will be taken into account after December 31, 2010.
• Compensation considered	The total amount of wages paid to a participant including overtime, holiday bonus, and salary reduction under Section 401(k) or 125, but excluding any commissions, bonus payments other than holiday bonus, and any other additions or deductions from regular compensation.
• Average annual compensation	The total compensation for the 60 consecutive months during which the participant's compensation was the highest of the last 120 months immediately preceding the date of determination, divided by five. Average annual compensation is frozen as of December 31, 2010.
Normal retirement	
• Normal retirement age	Age 65.
• Benefit	A life annuity equal to the product of (i) 1% of final five year average compensation not in excess of the level of covered compensation plus a percentage of such compensation over this level and (ii) the number of full and partial years of credited service to normal retirement. The percentage is based on the participant's Social Security Retirement Age. For age 65 the percentage is 1.75%, for age 66 the percentage is 1.70%, and for age 67 the percentage is 1.65%. Level of covered compensation means the 35-year average of the Social Security Wage Bases at the participant's Social Security Normal Retirement Age. Level of compensation is frozen as of December 31, 2010.
Early retirement	
• Early retirement age	Age 55 and 15 years of service.

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• Benefit	The normal retirement benefit unreduced at age 60 and reduced 6% for each year that benefit commencement precedes age 60.
Late retirement	
• Benefit	The amount of benefit payable at Postponed Retirement is determined in the same manner as the Normal Retirement Benefit based on service and compensation prior to the postponed retirement date.
Deferred vested	
• Benefit	A participant shall have a right to his or her accrued benefit provided the participant has completed five years of service. The benefit is the accrued benefit payable at age 65 or a reduced benefit payable at age 55 or later, if the participant terminated with at least 15 years of service. Reductions for early retirement are the same as those described under the Early Retirement section.

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Pre-retirement death	
• Benefit	Each vested participant who has not started receiving benefit payments has an automatic death benefit. The surviving spouse's death benefit is a life annuity determined as if the participant: (1) Terminated on the date of death (or actual termination date, if earlier) (2) Survived to early retirement date (or date or death, if later) (3) Retired with a 50% joint and survivor option in effect (4) Died on the following day. Payment of the death benefit begins on the participant's earliest retirement date or date of death, if later. Death benefits to unmarried participants are payable immediately as an actuarial equivalent lump sum.
Form of benefits	
• Optional forms of retirement benefits	Life Annuity 50%, 66 2/3%, 75% and 100% joint and survivor annuity 5 and 10 year certain and life annuity Lump Sum (up to $15,000)
• Actuarial equivalence for determination forms of payment	Amount of an alternative form of benefit (other than a lump sum) which has a value equivalent to the benefit payable under the plan, computed on the basis of a 7.5% compound annual interest rate and the PPA mortality table in effect at the participant's benefit commencement date. For lump sums, the PPA mortality table and interest rates equal to the 3-tiered minimum present value segment rate for the November preceding the plan year in which the benefit commencement date occurs.
Miscellaneous	
• Maximum benefits	Annual benefits may not exceed the limits in IRC Section 415. This limit is indexed annually. For 2025, the limit is $280,000.

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Benefits Included or Excluded

Unless noted below, all benefits provided by the plan, as restated and amended through December 31, 2024, are included in this valuation.

- **Late retirement increases:**
  - *Active participants:* The plan provides benefit suspension notices to participants who work beyond normal retirement; therefore, late retirement actuarial increases only apply to participants who defer retirement beyond age 70½. There are no active participants over age 70.
  - *Deferred vested participants:* Current deferred vested participants over normal retirement age are valued including the value of payments retroactive to their Normal Retirement Date.

- **Internal Revenue Code limitations:** The limitations of Internal Revenue Code Section 415(b) and 401(a)(17) have been incorporated into our calculations.

- **IRC Section 416 rules for top-heavy plans:** We did not test whether this plan is top-heavy (when the present value of benefits for key employees equals or exceeds 60 percent of the present value for all participants). However, we expect that the plan is not top-heavy; therefore, the funding target and target normal cost do not reflect any liability for top-heavy benefit accruals.

Plan Provision Changes Since Prior Valuation

None.

Significant Events

To the best of our knowledge, no events occurred during the year that would significantly affect the valuation results.

Group Pension Plan for Employees of Springer Science + Business Media, LLC

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

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December 31, 2025

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Common Collective Trusts				
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LT CREDIT BIF	$ 8,262,053	$ 8,777,456
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M SL LT GOVT BIF	8,436,489	8,301,181
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LC VALUE SIF	628,367	2,257,683
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL LC GROWTH SIF	611,946	2,234,514
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BYNM-M DB SL INT GOVT BIF	2,066,099	2,112,344
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL INTL SIF	399,599	946,688
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-I DB NSL HIGH YIELD FUND	739,894	799,901
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL SC SIF	261,898	556,265
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	EB US REAL ESTATE FD	182,893	399,094
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	BNYM-M DB SL EM SIF	153,947	273,847
*	The Bank of New York Mellon	EB TEMP INV FD VAR RT 12/31/49 FEE CL 00	217,979	217,979
		Total investments at fair value	$21,961,164	$26,876,952

*A party in interest as defined by ERISA.

Schedule SB, line 24 — Change in Actuarial Assumptions

The expense assumption was updated from $100,000 to $110,000 to reflect our expectations for the current plan year.