Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2025

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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
THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AGENTS PERSISTENCY FEE GUARANTEE FUND

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 07/01/1967

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)
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INS.CO.

720 E WISCONSIN AVENUE
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-0509570

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
414-271-1444

2d Business code (see instructions)
524140

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

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

CANDACE DAMON VP FIELD TOTAL REWARDS

720 E WISCONSIN AVENUE
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

3b Administrator's EIN
62-1509028

3c Administrator's telephone number
414-665-3939

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	8491
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)**	6097
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	5819
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	765
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	1703
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	8287
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	117
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	8404
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)**	8298
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)**	8279
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	681
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:

2E 2F 2H 2T 3H

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)

- (1) [X] Insurance
- (2) [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- (3) [X] Trust
- (4) [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- (1) [X] Insurance
- (2) [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- (3) [X] Trust
- (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) [ ] **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) [X] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4) [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

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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
THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AGENTS PERSISTENCY FEE GUARANTEE FUND

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INS.CO.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-0509570

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
39-0509570	67091	GA0003/SEP 5250	2850	01/01/2025	12/31/2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	627018331
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☒ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			7b	624434777
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)			
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	33475446		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)			
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)			
	▶				
	(6)Total additions			7c(6)	33475446
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			7d	657910223
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)			
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	30891892		
	▶ CONTRACT ACTIVITY				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	30891892
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	627018331

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	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) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INS.CO.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-0509570

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).. . . . . [X] 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

THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.

23-1945930

(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)

THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.

23-1945930

(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?
15 25 52 99	NONE	259154	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] 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
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

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e Telephone:

Explanation:

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b EIN:

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e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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2025

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INS.CO.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-0509570

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: ARTISAN MID CAP GROWTH TRUST TIER 1

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY

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)
26-3653822-021	C	0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: STATE STREET REAL ASSET FUND CLASSC

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST COMPANY

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)
90-0337987-280	C	5398854

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC DEVELOPED MRKTS INDEX TRUST

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

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)
86-6632044-001	C	75038114

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC INST TOT BOND MRKT INDEX TRUST

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

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)
81-6321044-001	C	10490134

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC INST TOT STOCK MRKT INDEX TR

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

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)
81-6316167-001	C	0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2020 TRST I

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

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)
90-6083983-001	C	3916650

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2025 TRST I

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

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)
90-6083981-001	C	14377110

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2030 TRST I

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

c EIN-PN 90-6083979-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11388768

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2035 TRST I

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

c EIN-PN 90-6083977-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13240169

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2040 TRST I

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

c EIN-PN 90-6083975-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15484205

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2045 TRST I

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

c EIN-PN 90-6083973-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 17416600

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2050 TRST I

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

c EIN-PN 90-6083969-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 30807081

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2055 TRST I

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

c EIN-PN 27-6715074-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13434123

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2060 TRST I

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

c EIN-PN 45-3799212-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13995977

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2065 TRST I

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

c EIN-PN 82-6190443-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 10355932

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETIREMENT 2070 TRST I

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

c EIN-PN 87-7035538-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11400170

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC TARGET RETMNT. INCOME TRUST I

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

c EIN-PN 90-6083968-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 10042490

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMCB LARGE CAP GROWTH FUND; CF-A C

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

c EIN-PN 45-4173185-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 124323807

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC INSTITUTIONAL 500 INDEX TRUST

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

c EIN-PN 81-6327546-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 216282561

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):

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:

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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)

Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

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a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

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

A Name of plan
THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AGENTS PERSISTENCY FEE GUARANTEE FUND

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INS.CO.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-0509570

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	551981923	597392745
(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)	246950809	323312665
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	624434777	627018331
(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	1423367509	1547723741
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	1423367509	1547723741

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)	36579984	
(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)		36579984
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	33474514	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		33474514
(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)	21483916	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		21483916
(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)		90471249
(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)		17170798
c Other income	2c		183963
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		199364424
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	74650048	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	98990	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		74749038
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)		
(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)	259154	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		259154
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		75008192
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		124356232
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)** [ ] 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: WIPFLI, LLP **(2)** EIN: 41-2899048

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	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		95000000
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**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**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.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

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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
THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AGENTS PERSISTENCY FEE GUARANTEE FUND

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INS.CO.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-0509570

Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 23-2186884

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

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

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

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

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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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) _____
(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_____.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Participants and Administrator of
The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company Agents Persistency Fee Guarantee Fund Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company Agents Persistency Fee Guarantee Fund Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years 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 Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section

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

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Basis for Opinion

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, 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 schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor'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).

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Wipfli LLP
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 30, 2026

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The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company
Agents Persistency Fee Guarantee Fund Plan

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN# 39-0509570 Plan # 001
December 31, 2025

Identity of Issuer	Description of Investment	Cost*	Fair Value
Mutual funds of registered investment companies:			
	American Century Mid Cap Value Fund; Class R6		$ 9,114,648
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund; Class X		$ 44,760,600
	Federated Hermes Inst. High Yield Bond Fund; Inst. Class		$ 5,009,473
	Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity Insights Fund; Institutional Shares		$ 20,160,984
	Loomis Sayles Small Cap Growth Fund; Institutional Class		$ 37,944,556
	MFS International Intrinsic Value Fund; Cl R6		$ 25,372,386
	MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund; Class R6		$ 47,902,478
	Nomura Small Cap Value Fund; Institutional Class		$ 8,394,559
**	Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares		$ 23,542,258
**	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund: Inst'l Plus Shares		$ 56,715,656
**	Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund - Instl Shares		$ 20,021,707
**	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Institutional Shares		$ 24,373,360
Total - Mutual funds of registered investment companies			$323,312,665
Common/collective trusts:			
	JPMCB Large Cap Growth Fund; CF-A Class		$124,323,807
	State Street Real Asset Fund; Class C		$ 5,398,853
	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Trust D		$ 75,038,114
**	Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust C		$216,282,561
**	Vanguard Institutional Total Bond Market Index Trust C		$ 10,490,134
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Trust I		$ 3,916,650
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust I		$ 14,377,110
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Trust I		$ 11,388,769
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust I		$ 13,240,169
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Trust I		$ 15,484,205
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust I		$ 17,416,600
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Trust I		$ 30,807,081
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust I		$ 13,434,123
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Trust I		$ 13,995,977
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Trust I		$ 10,355,932
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Trust I		$ 11,400,170
**	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Trust I		$ 10,042,490
Total - Common/collective trusts			$597,392,745

* Historical cost is not required for participant-directed transactions.

** Denotes party-in-interest.

This schedule has been derived from information certified by the Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company.

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company
Agents Persistency Fee Guarantee Fund Plan
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN# 39-0509570 Plan # 001
December 31, 2025

Identity of Issuer	Description of Investment	Cost*	Current Value
** The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company			
	Group Deposit Administration Contract		$ 627,018,331
Total			$ 1,547,723,741

* Historical cost is not required for participant-directed transactions.
** Denotes party-in-interest.

This schedule has been derived from information certified by The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

See Report of Independent Auditors

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company Agents Persistency Fee Guarantee Fund Plan

Financial Statements, Schedule and Report
December 31, 2025 and 2024

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company
Agents Persistency Fee Guarantee Fund Plan
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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Participants and Administrator of
The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company Agents Persistency Fee Guarantee Fund Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company Agents Persistency Fee Guarantee Fund Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years 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 Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section

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

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Basis for Opinion

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, 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 schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor'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).

Wipfli LLP

Wipfli LLP
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 30, 2026

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The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company
Agents Persistency Fee Guarantee Fund Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2025	**2024**
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds of registered investment companies	$ 323,312,665	$ 246,950,809
Common/collective trusts	597,392,745	551,981,923
Investments, at contract value:		
Northwestern Mutual Group Deposit Administration Contract	627,018,331	624,434,777
Net assets available for benefits	$ 1,547,723,741	$ 1,423,367,509

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	For the years ended December 31,	
	2025	**2024**
Investment results:		
Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments	$ 107,642,047	$ 99,630,275
Interest and dividends on investments	54,958,430	43,843,592
Total investment results	162,600,477	143,473,867
Employer contributions	36,579,984	35,822,817
Other additions	183,963	197,559
Total additions	36,763,947	36,020,376
Benefits paid to participants	(74,650,048)	(63,441,315)
Other deductions	(358,144)	(346,035)
Total deductions	(75,008,192)	(63,787,350)
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets available for benefits	124,356,232	115,706,893
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	1,423,367,509	1,307,660,616
End of year	$ 1,547,723,741	$ 1,423,367,509

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Description of the Plan

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company Agents Persistency Fee Guarantee Fund Plan (the "Plan") is a noncontributory defined contribution plan that provides benefits upon retirement or termination to eligible full-time financial representatives of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company (the "Sponsor"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 (SECURE 2.0), signed into law on December 29, 2022, makes significant changes to existing law for retirement plans by building upon provisions in the SECURE Act of 2019. SECURE 2.0 introduces new requirements and considerations for plan sponsors that are intended to expand coverage, increase savings, preserve income, and simplify plan rules and administrative procedures. The effective date of the provisions of SECURE 2.0 vary from becoming effective immediately through 2028. Those provisions include both required and optional elements. Management has evaluated those provisions and determined there is no material impact on the plan. Plan management will determine the optional provisions to elect in the future.

Contributions
Contributions to the Plan by the Sponsor are equal to 5% of renewal commissions and quality incentive compensation plus 25% of persistency fees earned by each participant, subject to certain limitations as defined by the Plan and in the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

Participant Accounts
Each participant's account is credited with the Sponsor's contribution and an allocation of Plan investment results. Participant accounts may be invested in various mutual funds and common/ collective trusts offered by registered investment companies as well as the Northwestern Mutual Group Deposit Administration contract issued by The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company (the "Insurance Carrier"), or any combination of these investments, at the direction of the participant. If the participant does not provide affirmative directions upon entering the Plan, contributions will be made to the Plan's applicable Qualified Default Investment Alternative until the participant provides an affirmative election otherwise. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Vesting
The Plan utilizes a cliff vesting schedule in which participants become fully vested in the accumulated contributions and earnings (losses) in the Plan upon completion of three years of full-time service.

Forfeited Accounts
Forfeitures are portions of participant account balances that participants surrender by terminating employment prior to becoming fully vested. Forfeitures may also include amounts related to uncashed distributions for participants who cannot be located. Forfeitures are used to reduce Sponsor contributions pursuant to the terms of the plan. Forfeitures of $287,981 were used to reduce Sponsor contributions in 2025. Unallocated forfeitures as of December 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024 were $308,048 and $287,981, respectively.

Payment of Benefits
Upon termination of the full-time financial representative contract, if the account balance is $1,000 or less, the mandatory distribution will be paid in a lump-sum, unless a participant elects otherwise. If the account balance is greater than $1,000 and up to $7,000, the mandatory distribution will be a direct rollover to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or other qualified plan within 31 days of termination, unless a participant elects otherwise. If the account balance is greater than $7,000, a participant may elect a lump-sum distribution, an immediate annuity, equal installment payments over a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis, a combination thereof, or defer the account balance up to age 73 (75 for individuals born after 1960).

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting Method and Use of Estimates
The financial statements of the Plan are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), which require estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition
The Northwestern Mutual Group Deposit Administration Contract is reported at contract value, which reflects the sum of Sponsor contributions, less withdrawals, plus interest credited at the contract interest rate. The Plan's investments in mutual funds of registered investment companies and common/collective trusts are reported at fair value as determined by the registered investment companies. Shares of mutual funds of registered investment companies are valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. The Plan's investments in common/collective trusts hold varying concentrations of indexed mutual funds managed by the registered investment company, depending on the anticipated retirement dates of the participants in the trusts, and are valued at net asset value based on the underlying assets in the mutual funds held in the trusts. Investments in common/collective trusts can be purchased and sold continuously. A notice of redemption is not required. The Plan has no obligation to buy additional units. See Note 3 for more information regarding the determination of the fair value of invested assets.

While recognizing that certain events may affect the ability of an issuer of certain investment contracts to redeem accounts at contract value, the management of the Insurance Carrier believes that the possibility of any of those event's occurrence is remote.

The Northwestern Mutual Group Deposit Administration Contract guarantees that interest will be credited at a minimum effective annual rate of 3.0% plus an additional amount as determined by the Insurance Carrier. The average yield and year-end crediting interest rate of the Northwestern Mutual Group Deposit Administration Contract was 5.50% and 5.15% for 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments includes both realized and unrealized gains and losses. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Plan Benefits
Benefits are recorded when paid to participants.

Subsequent Events
The Plan has evaluated events subsequent to December 31, 2025 through September 30, 2026, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, it is the Plan Administrator's opinion that no events subsequent to December 31, 2025 have occurred that are material to the Plan's financial statements at that date or the results of its operations for the period then ended.

3. Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value under GAAP provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used in measuring fair value, which is described below.

Estimates of fair value can be categorized into three levels based on the nature of the inputs to the valuation estimates:

Level 1 – Fair value is based on quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets. Markets are considered active if they have many transactions and current prices, have narrow bid/ask spreads with price quotes that do not vary substantially among market makers, and have information that is publicly available.

Level 2 – Fair value is based on observable market data such as quoted prices for similar assets in active markets or quoted prices for identical or similar assets in non-active markets.

Level 3 – Fair value is estimated by the Plan using one or more significant unobservable inputs.

Valuation techniques used maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. A given asset or liability's designation within the fair value hierarchy summarized above is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

The tables below present the Plan's assets within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2025 and 2024.

	December 31, 2025			
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (level 1)	Significant observable inputs (level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (level 3)	Total
Mutual funds of registered investment companies	$ 323,312,665	$ —	$ —	$ 323,312,665
Investments measured at net asset value				597,392,745
Total	$ 323,312,665	$ —	$ —	$ 920,705,410

	December 31, 2024			
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (level 1)	Significant observable inputs (level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (level 3)	Total
Mutual funds of registered investment companies	$ 246,950,809	$ —	$ —	$ 246,950,809
Investments measured at net asset value				551,981,923
Total	$ 246,950,809	$ —	$ —	$ 798,932,732

The registered investment company reviews fair value measurements and the related inputs at the end of each reporting period. Whenever applicable, the registered investment company may transfer assets reported at fair value on a recurring basis between levels based upon the quality of inputs available at the end of each reporting period. There were no material asset transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 or between Level 2 and Level 3 during the years ended December 31, 2025 or 2024.

The valuation methods described in Note 2 may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

4. Funding Policy

A trust was established as the funding mechanism for the Plan pursuant to an agreement dated July 1, 1967 and restated on July 20, 1972 and August 25, 2008. Contributions from the Sponsor are used by the trust to purchase shares of mutual funds of registered investment companies, shares of common/collective trusts or group deposit administration contracts issued by the

Insurance Carrier, which is also the sponsor of the Plan and creator of and contributor to the trust, the trustees of which are the owners of the contracts on behalf of the trust.

5. Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC and has informed the Sponsor of this determination via a letter dated October 2, 2017. The Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, the Plan Administrator believes that the trust continued to be tax-exempt and operated in accordance with applicable provisions of the IRC. The Plan Administrator does not believe that any uncertain tax positions were taken during 2025 or 2024.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by governmental agencies, but no audits are currently in progress.

6. Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions

The trustees and administrator of the Plan are employees of the Sponsor. All contributions by the Sponsor are made to the trustees. The trustees authorize investments at the direction of the participants. A per participant flat recordkeeping fee is charged to participants with a minimum account balance of $1,000 for third-party recordkeeping services. All other Plan administrative costs are paid by the Sponsor.

The Plan invests in shares of mutual funds and common/collective trusts managed by an affiliate of the third-party administrator. The third-party administrator acts as trustee for only those investments as defined by the Plan. Transactions in such investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation/(depreciation) in the fair value of investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than direct payout.

Both the related party and party-in-interest transactions mentioned above are specifically exempted from the prohibited transactions under ERISA Section 406. See Note 4 for related party transactions related to the funding of the Plan.

7. Summary of Financial Data Certified by the Insurance Carrier and Third-Party Administrator

Following is a summary of the Plan's financial information as shown in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits that has been derived from information prepared and certified as complete and accurate by The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company [(1)], as Insurance Carrier of the Plan, and the third party administrator [(2)] in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Mutual funds of registered investment companies (2)	$ 323,312,665	$ 246,950,809
Common/collective trusts (2)	597,392,745	551,981,923
Northwestern Mutual Group Deposit Administration Contract (1)	627,018,331	624,434,777
Total investments	$ 1,547,723,741	$ 1,423,367,509

	For the years ended December 31, 2025	For the years ended December 31, 2024
Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments	$ 107,642,047	$ 99,630,275
Interest and dividends on investments	54,958,430	43,843,592

Additionally, the third-party administrator has certified investment information disclosed related to mutual funds and common/collective trusts of the registered investment companies in the Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) on page 12 and the Insurance Carrier has certified investment information disclosed for the Group Deposit Administration Contract in the Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) on page 13.

8. Termination of the Plan

The Sponsor anticipates that the Plan will continue without interruption but reserves the right to discontinue the Plan in accordance with the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination of the Plan, participants would become fully vested in their accounts.

9. Risk and Uncertainties

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

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Identity of Issuer	Description of Investment	Cost*	Fair Value
Mutual funds of registered investment companies:			
	American Century Mid Cap Value Fund; Class R6		$ 9,114,648
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund; Class X		$ 44,760,600
	Federated Hermes Inst. High Yield Bond Fund; Inst. Class		$ 5,009,473
	Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity Insights Fund; Institutional Shares		$ 20,160,984
	Loomis Sayles Small Cap Growth Fund; Institutional Class		$ 37,944,556
	MFS International Intrinsic Value Fund; Cl R6		$ 25,372,386
	MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund; Class R6		$ 47,902,478
	Nomura Small Cap Value Fund; Institutional Class		$ 8,394,559
**	Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares		$ 23,542,258
**	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund: Inst'l Plus Shares		$ 56,715,656
**	Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund - Instl Shares		$ 20,021,707
**	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Institutional Shares		$ 24,373,360
Total - Mutual funds of registered investment companies			$323,312,665
Common/collective trusts:			
	JPMCB Large Cap Growth Fund; CF-A Class		$124,323,807
	State Street Real Asset Fund; Class C		$ 5,398,853
	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Trust D		$ 75,038,114
**	Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust C		$216,282,561
**	Vanguard Institutional Total Bond Market Index Trust C		$ 10,490,134
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Trust I		$ 3,916,650
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust I		$ 14,377,110
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Trust I		$ 11,388,769
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust I		$ 13,240,169
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Trust I		$ 15,484,205
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust I		$ 17,416,600
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Trust I		$ 30,807,081
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust I		$ 13,434,123
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Trust I		$ 13,995,977
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Trust I		$ 10,355,932
**	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Trust I		$ 11,400,170
**	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Trust I		$ 10,042,490
Total - Common/collective trusts			$597,392,745

* Historical cost is not required for participant-directed transactions.

** Denotes party-in-interest.

This schedule has been derived from information certified by the Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company.

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Identity of Issuer	Description of Investment	Cost*	Current Value
** The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company			
	Group Deposit Administration Contract		$ 627,018,331
Total			$ 1,547,723,741

* Historical cost is not required for participant-directed transactions.
** Denotes party-in-interest.

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See Report of Independent Auditors