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
CHEESE MERCHANTS OF AMERICA, LLC 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 08/01/2008

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)
CHEESE MERCHANTS OF AMERICA, LLC

1301 SCHIFERL ROAD
BARTLETT, IL 60103

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-4211668

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
630-221-0580

2d Business code (see instructions)
311500

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.	10/13/2026	DOMINIC MELONE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a	Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b**	Administrator's EIN
		3c	Administrator's telephone number
4	If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b**	EIN
a	Sponsor's name	**4d**	PN
c	Plan Name		

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	194
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)**	176
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	395
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	32
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	427
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	427
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)**	123
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)**	226
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	0
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

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

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **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 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.**

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

A Name of plan
CHEESE MERCHANTS OF AMERICA, LLC 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
CHEESE MERCHANTS OF AMERICA, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-4211668

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY O

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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?
64	RECORDKEEPER	30978	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

CREATIVE PLANNING HOLDCO LLC DBA CR

5454 110TH ST
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

(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?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	26210	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
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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.	

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:

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b EIN:

c Position:

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b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

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DFE/Participating Plan Information

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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
CHEESE MERCHANTS OF AMERICA, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-4211668

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: PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND

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

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)
04-3159710-202	C	398126

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL LIFETIME HYBRID INCOME CI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS 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)
26-6447574-011	C	4883

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL LIFETIME HYBRID 2020 CIT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS 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)
26-6447574-003	C	23389

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL LIFETIME HYBRID 2025 CIT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS 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)
26-6447574-004	C	13665

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL LIFETIME HYBRID 2030 CIT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS 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)
26-6447574-005	C	80944

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL LIFETIME HYBRID 2035 CIT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS 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)
26-6447574-006	C	43965

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL LIFETIME HYBRID 2040 CIT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS 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)
26-6447574-007	C	19843

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL LIFETIME HYBRID 2045 CIT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-008	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 143987

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL LIFETIME HYBRID 2050 CIT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-009	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6930

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL LIFETIME HYBRID 2055 CIT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-010	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 356922

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL LIFETIME HYBRID 2065 CIT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-013	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 49472

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL DIVERS INTER SEP ACCT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-015	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 182737

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

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

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

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

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

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

a Plan name

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

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	8576
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	20172
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	4451260
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	121067	271131
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	352086	1324863
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	12924007	14053649
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
1e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
1f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	13397160	20129651
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
1h Operating payables	1h		
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
1j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
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	13397160	20129651

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)	431820	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1014307	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1446127
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	10047	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		10047
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	676703	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		676703
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(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)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(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)		14076
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		1416929
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3563882
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2354736	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		2354736
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	30978	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	26210	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		57188
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2411924
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		1151958
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		5580533
(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: PLANTE MORAN **(2)** EIN: 33-1498605

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		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		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).

▶ **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
CHEESE MERCHANTS OF AMERICA, LLC 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
CHEESE MERCHANTS OF AMERICA, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-4211668

Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 84-1455663

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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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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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

☒ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 11 / 14 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702518A .

Cheese Merchants of America 401(k) Plan

Financial Report

December 31, 2025

Cheese Merchants of America 401(k) Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Cheese Merchants of America 401(k) Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2025 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Cheese Merchants of America 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's 2025 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2025 and for the year then ended stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2025 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2025 Financial Statements* section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2025 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying 2025 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2025 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit 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 2025 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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Emphasis of Matter

As explained in Note 6 to the financial statements, the Eau Galle Cheese Factory, LLC Profit Sharing Plan; Toscana Cheese Company, LLC 401(k) Plan; and Wisconsin Dairy State Cheese Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan merged into the Plan effective December 31, 2025. Accordingly, participants, their account balances, and all assets of the respective plans were transferred into the Plan on December 31, 2025. Our opinion has not been modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2025 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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or 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 that may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2025 Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2025 Financial Statements* 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 substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2025 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 the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the 2025 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.

2025 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2025 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplemental information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with 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.

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

In our opinion:

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

Report on Prior Year Financial Statements

The 2024 statement of net assets available for benefits was not audited, reviewed, or compiled by us, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on it.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

Schaumburg, Illinois
October 8, 2026

Cheese Merchants of America 401(k) Plan

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024 (Unaudited)
Assets		
Participant-directed investments at fair value (Note 4)	$ 15,378,512	$ 13,276,093
Contributions receivable	28,748	-
Participant notes receivable	271,131	121,067
Transfer in transit (Note 6)	4,451,260	-
Net Assets Available for Benefits	**$ 20,129,651**	**$ 13,397,160**

See notes to financial statements.

Cheese Merchants of America 401(k) Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2025

Additions	
Contributions:	
Employee	$ 1,014,307
Employer	431,820
Total contributions	1,446,127
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	690,587
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	1,417,121
Total investment income	2,107,708
Interest from participant notes receivable	10,047
Total additions	3,563,882
Deductions	
Benefits paid directly to participants or beneficiaries	2,354,736
Administrative expenses	57,188
Total deductions	2,411,924
Net Increase before Other Changes	1,151,958
Transfers In (Note 6)	5,580,533
Net Increase	6,732,491
Net Assets Available for Benefits	
Beginning of year	13,397,160
End of year	**$ 20,129,651**

See notes to financial statements.

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of Cheese Merchants of America 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Cheese Merchants of America, LLC (the "Company"). Certain employees of Dairy State Cheese, LLC; Eau Galle Cheese Factory, LLC; and Toscana Cheese Company, LLC were eligible to participate in the Plan on January 1, 2026. Employees of these participating employers had their balances transferred to the Plan effective December 31, 2025, as disclosed in Note 6. All employees who have attained the age of 18, have completed at least three months of service, and are not subject to a collective bargaining agreement are eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

The Plan provides for employee salary deferral or Roth after-tax basis contributions subject to maximum tax-deferred limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code. Participants may also make contributions to the Plan in the form of a rollover of funds from another qualified plan.

The Plan provides for safe harbor matching contributions of 100 percent for the first 4 percent of base compensation that a participant contributed to the Plan.

The Company may also make discretionary profit-sharing contributions at the option of the Company. The Company made no discretionary contributions in 2025.

Participant Notes Receivable

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balances. The participant notes receivable are secured by the balance in the participant's account, and participant note receivable terms generally range from one to five years. The notes bear interest at market rates. Principal and interest payments are generally made through payroll deduction.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's contributions and plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participants' compensation or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants may direct the investments of their account balances into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Vesting

Participants are immediately 100 percent vested in employee salary and rollover contributions, safe harbor matching contributions, and any income or loss thereon.

Benefit Payments

On termination of employment, early or normal retirement, reaching the age of 59½, or disability, the participant (or the participant’s beneficiary in the case of death) can elect to receive a single lump-sum amount equal to the vested balance of the participant's account or a partial distribution.

Participants may request that all or a portion of their accounts be distributed in the case of financial hardship, as defined in the plan document. The plan administrator must approve any such hardship withdrawals.

Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)

Forfeitures

If a participant is not fully vested on his or her termination date, the nonvested amount of the account is forfeited. Forfeitures are used to reduce future company contributions or to pay administrative expenses of the Plan.

Party-in-interest Transactions

Certain plan assets are in investment funds managed by Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company (Principal Trust Company). Principal Trust Company or its affiliates. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions, as defined under ERISA guidelines.

Termination

While it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in the plan agreement and ERISA. Upon termination of the Plan, participants become 100 percent vested in their account balances.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value.

The common/collective trust funds are valued at net asset value per share (NAV) (or its equivalent) of the funds, which is based on the fair value of the funds' underlying net assets. There are no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on these investments. The pooled separate account is valued at net asset value per share (NAV) (or its equivalent) of the funds, which is based on the fair value of the funds' underlying net assets. There are no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on these investments. All other investments are valued based on quoted market prices reported in active markets. See Note 4 for additional information.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Participant Notes Receivable

Participant notes receivable are recorded at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued interest. Participant notes receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Various administrative costs are paid by the Company.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Subsequent Events

The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events up through and including October 8, 2026, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Certified Information

Empower Trust Company, LLC (Empower) and Principal Trust Company (collectively, the "Trustees") hold the Plan's investments and participant notes receivable and execute all related transactions. The investment and participant notes receivable balances and related income and losses included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year are based solely on information certified by the Trustees.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the financial statements and provide a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value.

Level 1

Fair values determined by Level 1 inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2

Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset.

Level 3

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Plan’s assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following tables present information about the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2025 and 2024:

	Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2025	
	Investments (at Fair Value)	Level 1
Mutual funds	$ 14,053,649	$ 14,053,649
Investments measured at NAV		
Common/collective trust funds	1,142,126	
Pooled separate accounts	182,737	
Total investments	$ 15,378,512	

	Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	
	Investments (at Fair Value)	Level 1
Mutual funds	$ 12,924,007	$ 12,924,007
Investments measured at NAV - Common/collective trust fund	352,086	
Total investments	$ 13,276,093	

Note 5 - Tax Status

The Plan, as adopted, is a preapproved plan, which does not require an application for a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The preapproved plan has received a favorable opinion letter from the IRS dated November 14, 2022. The Plan has not individually sought its own determination letter.

Note 6 - Plan Merger

On December 31, 2025, all account balances of all plan participants of the Eau Galle Cheese Factory, LLC Profit Sharing Plan (the "Eau Galle Plan"); Toscana Cheese Company, LLC 401(k) Plan (the "Toscana Plan"); and Wisconsin Dairy State Cheese Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Dairy State Plan") were transferred into the Plan. Participants of the respective plans were eligible to participate in the Plan effective January 1, 2026.

The investments in the Eau Galle Plan and Dairy State Plan were liquidated as of December 31, 2025 and were not received by and allocated to the Plan until January 2, 2026 by Empower. These investments totaled $4,451,260 and are presented as transfers in transit on the statement of net assets available for benefits.

The investments in the Toscana Plan were still held by Principal as of December 31, 2025 and were not received by and allocated to the participant accounts with Empower until January 21, 2026. As these investments are legally the assets of the Plan at December 31, 2025, they are included in participant-directed investments at fair value on the statement of net assets available for benefits. Investments of $992,604 and participant notes receivable of $136,669 were transferred from the Toscana Plan into the Plan during 2025.

Cheese Merchants of America 401(k) Plan

Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year

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(a)(b) Identity of Issuer	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Mutual funds:		
AllianceBernstein	AB Large Cap Growth Fund Class Z	*	$ 749,635
	AB Large Cap Growth A Fund	*	27,033
American Funds	American Funds 2030 Target Date Retire R6	*	1,948,155
	American Funds 2035 Target Date Retire R6	*	437,291
	American Funds 2040 Target Date Retire R6	*	93,725
	American Funds 2045 Target Date Retire R6	*	2,213,901
	American Funds 2050 Target Date Retire R6	*	594,333
	American Funds 2055 Target Date Retire R6	*	1,014,015
	American Funds 2060 Target Date Retire R6	*	105,564
	American Funds 2065 Target Date Retire R6	*	282
	American Funds EuroPacific R6	*	1,056,420
	American Funds Am Mut R3 Fd	*	3,725
Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity International Index Fund	*	89
JPMorgan Trust	JPMorgan Equity Income R6	*	111,325
	JPMorgan Govt Bond R2 Fund	*	3,557
Lord Abbett	Lord Abbett High Yield R3 Fund	*	4,781
MFS Investment Management	MFS Growth R2 Fund	*	23,233
Nuveen Fund Advisors	Nuveen Sm Cap Value A Fund	*	3,538
PIMCO	PIMCO Income Fund Institutional Class	*	231,295
Vanguard Group, Inc.	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	*	3,765,407
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral	*	550,813
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral	*	483,004
Voya Financial, Inc.	Voya Intermediate Bond I	*	632,528
Principal Trust Company**	Pooled separate account - Diversified Intl Sep Acct	*	182,737
	Common/collective trust funds:		
Principal Trust Company**	Principal LifeTime Hybrid Inc CIT	*	4,883
	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2020 CIT	*	23,389
	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2025 CIT	*	13,665
	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2030 CIT	*	80,944
	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2035 CIT	*	43,965
	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2040 CIT	*	19,843
	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2045 CIT	*	143,987
	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2050 CIT	*	6,930
	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2055 CIT	*	356,922
	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2065 CIT	*	49,472
Putnam Investment Funds	Putnam Stable Value Fund	*	398,126
Participants**	Participant notes receivable with interest rates between 4.25 and 9.50 percent	-	271,131
	Total		**$ 15,649,643**

*Cost information not required
**Party in interest

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

Cheese Merchants of America, LLC 401(k) Plan and Trust

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
1RFETX			1,632,545.19	1,948,154.06
1RFFTX			374,102.32	437,290.67
1RFGTX			82,659.95	93,724.96
1RFHTX			1,765,045.78	2,213,900.99
1RFITX			584,842.87	594,333.17
1RFKTX			1,028,525.93	1,014,015.38
1RFUTX			104,735.21	105,563.77
1RFVTX			289.39	281.70
1RERGX			986,155.75	1,056,420.34
1FSPSX			89.20	88.78
1VSMAX			392,458.20	483,004.14
1VIMAX			453,661.81	550,812.99
1APGZX			607,264.14	749,635.18
1OIEJX			98,912.87	111,324.79
1VFIAX			2,719,626.34	3,765,407.13
1PIMIX			235,450.23	231,295.46
1IICIX			637,994.95	632,528.07
1PCSV25			383,338.23	383,338.23
			12,087,698.36	**14,371,119.81**
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	4.250-9.500	134,422.00	134,462.14
FORFEITURES			14,787.76	14,787.76

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LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1RFETX	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6	1RFFTX	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFGTX	American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R6	1RFHTX	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFITX	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R6	1RFKTX	American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFUTX	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire R6	1RFVTX	American Funds 2065 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RERGX	American Funds Eupac R6	1FSPSX	Fidelity International Index
1VSMAX	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	1VIMAX	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral
1APGZX	AB Large Cap Growth Z	1OIEJX	JPMorgan Equity Income R6
1VFIAX	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	1PIMIX	PIMCO Income Instl
1IICIX	Voya Intermediate Bond I	1PCSV25	Putnam Stable Value Fund

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year
CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year