# Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

# Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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**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
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP GROUP HEALTH PLAN

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501

**1c** Effective date of plan 01/01/1978

**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)
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP

433 MAIN STREET
GREEN BAY, WI 54301

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-1098068

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number
920-491-7000

**2d** Business code (see instructions)
522110

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

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

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|---|---|---|---|
| **SIGN HERE** | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/14/2026 | JULIO MANSO |
| | **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:

**a** Sponsor's name

**4b** EIN

**c** Plan Name

**4d** PN

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|---|---|---|---|
| **5** | Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | **5** | 2989 |
| **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)** | 2963 |
| **a(2)** | Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | **6a(2)** | 2883 |
| **b** | Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | **6b** | 26 |
| **c** | Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | **6c** | 0 |
| **d** | Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**. | **6d** | 2909 |
| **e** | Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. | **6e** | |
| **f** | Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**. | **6f** | |
| **g(1)** | Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g(1)** | |
| **g(2)** | Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g(2)** | |
| **h** | Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested. | **6h** | |
| **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:

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

4A 4D

**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)** [ ] **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)** [ ] **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).

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**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
39-1098068

**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
HM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 06-1041332 | 93440 | 4088810010 | 2877 | 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 |
|---|---|
| | |

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

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

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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**(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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## 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 | |
| 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 | 0 |
| **c** | Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | | | |
| | (2) Dividends and credits | 7c(2) | | | |
| | (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) | 0 |
| **d** | Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**). | | | 7d | 0 |
| **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) | | | |
| | ▶ | | | | |
| | (5) Total deductions | | | 7e(5) | 0 |
| **f** | Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) | | | 7f | 0 |

## 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** [X] Stop loss (large deductible)
- **j** [ ] HMO contract
- **k** [ ] PPO contract
- **l** [ ] Indemnity contract
- **m** [ ] Other (specify) ▶

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| **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) | 0 |
| **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) | 0 |
| (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) | 0 |
| (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 | 1758605 |
| **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 [X] 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<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br>▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.** | **2025**<br>**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.** |

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| **C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP | **D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>39-1098068 |

## 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)

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| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | THIRD PARTY ADMIN. | 137796 | Yes [ ] No [X] | Yes [ ] No [ ] | | Yes [ ] No [ ] |

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

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Yes [ ] No [ ] | Yes [ ] No [ ] | | Yes [ ] No [ ] |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 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. | |
| | | |

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## Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

(complete as many entries as needed)

**a** Name:

**b** EIN:

**c** Position:

**d** Address:

**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

**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:

**d** Address:

**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

# SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
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Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

## Financial Information

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39-1098068

## 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 | 1138000 | 965071 |
| **b** Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| **(1)** Employer contributions | 1b(1) | | |
| **(2)** Participant contributions | 1b(2) | | |
| **(3)** Other | 1b(3) | 2272501 | 2919326 |
| **c** General investments: | | | |
| **(1)** Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | 2858713 | 1219484 |
| **(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) | | |
| **(10)** Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | | |
| **(11)** Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | | |
| **(12)** Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | | |
| **(13)** Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | | |
| **(14)** Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | | |
| **(15)** Other | 1c(15) | | |

| | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1d** Employer-related investments: | | | |
| **(1)** Employer securities | 1d(1) | | |
| **(2)** Employer real property | 1d(2) | | |
| **1e** Buildings and other property used in plan operation | 1e | | |
| **1f** Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) | 1f | 6269214 | 5103881 |
| **Liabilities** | | | |
| **1g** Benefit claims payable | 1g | 2885933 | 4668069 |
| **1h** Operating payables | 1h | | |
| **1i** Acquisition indebtedness | 1i | | |
| **1j** Other liabilities | 1j | | |
| **1k** Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j) | 1k | 2885933 | 4668069 |
| **Net Assets** | | | |
| **1l** Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) | 1l | 3383281 | 435812 |

## 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) | 36201791 | |
| **(B)** Participants | 2a(1)(B) | 12847727 | |
| **(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) | | 49049518 |
| **b Earnings on investments:** | | | |
| **(1)** Interest: | | | |
| **(A)** Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) | 2b(1)(A) | 88307 | |
| **(B)** U.S. Government securities | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| **(C)** Corporate debt instruments | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| **(D)** Loans (other than to participants) | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| **(E)** Participant loans | 2b(1)(E) | | |
| **(F)** Other | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| **(G)** Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)** | 2b(1)(G) | | 88307 |
| **(2)** Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| **(B)** Common stock | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| **(C)** Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) | 2b(2)(C) | | |
| **(D)** Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)** | 2b(2)(D) | | 0 |
| **(3)** Rents | 2b(3) | | |
| **(4)** Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| **(B)** Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| **(C)** Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result | 2b(4)(C) | | 0 |
| **(5)** Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| **(B)** Other | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| **(C)** Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)** | 2b(5)(C) | | 0 |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (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) | | 2 |
| c Other income | 2c | | |
| d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 49137827 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 50158339 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | 1758605 | |
| (3) Other | 2e(3) | | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)** | 2e(4) | | 51916944 |
| 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) | 168352 | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)** | 2i(12) | | 168352 |
| j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 52085296 |
| **Net Income and Reconciliation** | | | |
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d** | 2k | | -2947469 |
| 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)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [X] 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 | | 25000000 |
| **f** Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | 4f | | X | |
| **g** Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | 4g | | X | |
| **h** Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | 4h | | X | |
| **i** Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | 4i | X | | |
| **j** Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) | 4j | X | | |
| **k** Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | 4k | | X | |
| **l** Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | 4l | | X | |
| **m** If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | 4m | | | |
| **n** If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. | 4n | | | |

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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

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

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

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

# ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP
# GROUP HEALTH PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules

December 31, 2025 and 2024

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

**ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP**
**GROUP HEALTH PLAN**
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**Independent Auditor's Report**

Plan Administrator
Associated Banc-Corp Group Health Plan
Green Bay, Wisconsin

***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Associated Banc-Corp Group Health Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits and plan benefit obligations as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and changes in plan benefit obligations for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits and plan benefit obligations of the Plan as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits and plan benefit obligations for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

***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 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.

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***

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



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is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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.

***Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025, and Schedule H, Line 4j – Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2025, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the 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 has been subjected to the 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.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including the form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Wipfli LLP

Wipfli LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 9, 2026



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**ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP**
**GROUP HEALTH PLAN**
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

| (in thousands) | December 31, 2025 | December 31, 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Assets: | | |
| Cash | $ 965 | $ 1,138 |
| Investments, at fair value | 1,219 | 2,859 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Pharmacy rebates receivable | 2,864 | 2,241 |
| COBRA premium receivable | 48 | 25 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 8 | 6 |
| Total receivables | 2,920 | 2,272 |
| Net assets available for benefits | $ 5,104 | $ 6,269 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP**
**GROUP HEALTH PLAN**
**Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**

| (in thousands) | Years Ended December 31, 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Additions: | | |
| Contributions: | | |
| Employer | $ 36,202 | $ 33,749 |
| Participant | 12,848 | 11,485 |
| Total contributions | 49,050 | 45,234 |
| Investment income: | | |
| Interest | 88 | 174 |
| Total additions | 49,138 | 45,408 |
| Deductions: | | |
| Benefits paid to participants, net | 48,376 | 45,165 |
| Reinsurance premiums | 1,759 | 1,458 |
| Administrative expenses | 168 | 263 |
| Total deductions | 50,303 | 46,886 |
| Net change in net assets available for benefits | (1,165) | (1,478) |
| Net assets available for benefits: | | |
| Beginning of year | 6,269 | 7,747 |
| End of year | $ 5,104 | $ 6,269 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP**
**GROUP HEALTH PLAN**
**Statements of Plan Benefit Obligations**

| (in thousands) | December 31, 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Net claims payable and claims incurred but not reported | $ 4,668 | $ 2,886 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP**
**GROUP HEALTH PLAN**
**Statements of Changes in Plan Benefit Obligations**

| (in thousands) | Years Ended December 31, 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Amounts currently payable to or for participants and claims incurred but not reported: | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | $ 2,886 | $ 4,358 |
| Claims reported and approved for payment | 50,158 | 43,693 |
| Net claims paid | (48,376) | (45,165) |
| Balance at end of year | $ 4,668 | $ 2,886 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## (1) Description of Plan

The following brief description of the Associated Banc-Corp Group Health Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

### *Background*

The Plan provides certain health and dental benefits, as defined, for substantially all employees of Associated Banc-Corp (the "Corporation") and subsidiaries who are regularly scheduled to work at least 20 or more hours per week beginning on the date of hire. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

### *Contributions*

Employer contributions are determined by the Corporation based on information provided by the third-party administrators (United HealthCare and Delta Dental) and Associated Trust Company, N.A. (the "Trustee") and are remitted to the Trustee monthly. Participants' contributions are based upon single or family coverage. Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) participants submit payments on a monthly basis for the total cost of continuation coverage.

### *Plan Termination*

While the Corporation has not expressed any intent to terminate the Plan, it is free to do so at any time, subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event of termination, the remaining assets available for benefits will be used to provide benefits under the Plan through the date prior to the termination date. Excess funds shall be applied for the exclusive benefit of participants as directed by the Plan's management.

## (2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Plan in the preparation of the financial statements.

### *Basis of Presentation*

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

### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, plan benefit obligations and changes therein, claims incurred but not reported, and claims payable at the date of the financial statements. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets, and any other parameters used in determining these estimates and assumptions could cause actual results to differ.

### *Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition*

Investment securities are reported at fair value. The Plan's sole investment security is the Goldman Sachs Government Money Market Institutional Fund and is valued using net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient in estimating fair value. Plan assets are held in trust with the Trustee. Purchases

and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis.

***Payment of Benefits***

Benefits are recorded when paid.

***Administrative Expenses***

All administrative expenses, including Delta Dental administrative expenses, tax, and other expenses attributable to the Plan are paid by the Plan with the exception of audit, trust, and United HealthCare administrative expenses, which are paid by the Corporation and excluded from these financial statements.

***Pharmacy Rebates***

Rebates due from the third-party administrators are recorded when earned. Rebates due as of the financial statement date have been reported as a receivable, with the offset being netted against claims paid.

***Reinsurance***

The Plan maintained stop-loss insurance relating to medical and prescription claims in the amount of $400,000 for both 2025 and 2024, per individual specific deductible.

Risks that have been reinsured under the stop-loss agreement are treated as though they were not risks for which the Plan is liable, and consequently, no obligation has been provided for such contingencies. In 2025 and 2024, the stop loss reimbursement amounts were $0.6 million and $1.8 million respectively, which reduce benefits paid to participants.

***Benefit Obligations***

Benefit obligations represent the liability for all claims incurred including claims incurred but not reported at the end of the year. Benefit obligations at December 31, 2025 and 2024 are based on a review of actual claims paid subsequent to December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, to determine total claims incurred prior to each year-end. Due to uncertainties inherent in estimating benefit obligations, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates in the near term will be material to the financial statements.

## (3) Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. The Plan’s investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks.

## (4) Reconciliation to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for plan benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2025 and 2024 to Form 5500:

| ($ in thousands) | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Net assets available for plan benefits per the financial statements | $ 5,104 | $ 6,269 |
| Less: Amounts allocated to benefit claims currently payable | 4,668 | 2,886 |
| Net assets available for plan benefits per the Form 5500 | $ 436 | $ 3,383 |

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements at December 31, 2025 and 2024 to Form 5500:

| ($ in thousands) | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Benefits paid to participants per the financial statements | $ 48,376 | $ 45,165 |
| Change in amounts allocated to benefit claims currently payable | 1,782 | (1,472) |
| Benefits paid to participants per the Form 5500 | $ 50,158 | $ 43,693 |

## (5) Tax Status

The Voluntary Employees' Benefit Association trust, which funds certain benefits of the Plan, received an exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated October 6, 2006, stating that the Trust is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)9 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). As a result of the Plan's funding policy, from time to time the Trust may be subject to income taxes related to unrelated business taxable income which is included within administrative expenses.

In addition, the Plan and the Trust are required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain the tax exempt status of the Trust. The Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, the related Trust is tax-exempt.

## (6) Fair Value Measurements

Fair value represents the estimated price at which an orderly transaction to sell an asset or to transfer a liability would take place between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions (i.e., an exit price concept).

*Money Market Fund*: At December 31, 2025, and 2024 the Plan's only investment was the Goldman Sachs Government Money Market Institutional Fund, whose investments are in short-term debt securities designed to maximize current income with liquidity and capital preservation. This investment is measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient and therefore has not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fund has no unfunded commitments and has a daily redemption frequency with a notice period of one day.

## (7) Subsequent Events

The Plan's management has evaluated the effects on the Plan financial statements of subsequent events for potential recognition or disclosure through October 9, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. During this period, there have been no material events that would require recognition in the financial statements or disclosures to the financial statements except for the following:

On April 1, 2026 the Corporation completed its acquisition of American National Corporation ("American National"). Legacy American National colleagues became eligible for enrollment in the Plan on April 1, 2026 subject to meeting eligibility requirements.

# 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**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

## 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.)
- ☒ 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:
- ☒ 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
ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP GROUP HEALTH PLAN

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501

**1c** Effective date of plan 01/01/1978

**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)

ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP

433 MAIN STREET

GREEN BAY WI 54301

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1098068

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number 920-491-7000

**2d** Business code (see instructions) 522110

**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** | E-SIGNED by Julio Manso on 2026-10-14 16:10:17 CDT | October 14, 2026 | JULIO MANSO |
| | **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 |

**ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP**

**GROUP HEALTH PLAN**

Schedule H, line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions, Year Ended December 31, 2025

Employer Identification Number: 39-1098068

Plan Number: 501

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Identity of Party Involved** | **Description of Assets** | **Purchase Price** | **Selling Price** | **Lease rental** | **Expense Incurred with Transaction** | **Cost of Asset** | **Current Value of Asset at Transaction Date** | **Net Gain (Loss)** |
| **Category (iii) - A Series of Transactions in Excess of 5% of Plan Assets** | | | | | | | | |
| Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. | Goldman Sachs Government Money Market Institutional Fund | $40,026,763 | $ — | $ — | $ — | $40,026,763 | $ 40,026,763 | $ — |
| Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. | Goldman Sachs Government Money Market Institutional Fund | $ — | $41,665,992 | $ — | $ — | $41,665,992 | $ 41,665,992 | $ — |

There were no category (i), (ii) or (iv) reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 2025.

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**ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP**

**GROUP HEALTH PLAN**

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| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Identity of Party Involved** | **Description of Assets** | **Purchase Price** | **Selling Price** | **Lease rental** | **Expense Incurred with Transaction** | **Cost of Asset** | **Current Value of Asset at Transaction Date** | **Net Gain (Loss)** |
| **Category (iii) - A Series of Transactions in Excess of 5% of Plan Assets** | | | | | | | | |
| Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. | Goldman Sachs Government Money Market Institutional Fund | $40,026,763 | $ — | $ — | $ — | $40,026,763 | $ 40,026,763 | $ — |
| Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. | Goldman Sachs Government Money Market Institutional Fund | $ — | $41,665,992 | $ — | $ — | $41,665,992 | $ 41,665,992 | $ — |

There were no category (i), (ii) or (iv) reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 2025.

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**ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP**

**GROUP HEALTH PLAN**

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), December 31, 2025

Employer Identification Number: 39-1098068

Plan Number: 501

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party | Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value | Cost | Current Value |
| | Goldman Sachs Government Money Market Institutional Fund | 1,219,484 units | $ 1,219,484 | $ 1,219,484 |
| | Total Investments | | $ 1,219,484 | $ 1,219,484 |

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