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
NEXTECH 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2018

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)
ARES HOLDINGS, LLC
CMS/NEXTECH

1045 S. JOHN RODES BLVD.
MELBOURNE, FL 32904

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
65-1162436

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
321-473-0328

2d Business code (see instructions)
551112

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.	10/15/2026	RICK CHRYSLER
	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**	3192
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)**	2801
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	3023
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	515
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	3538
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	3
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	3541
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)**	2279
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)**	3076
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	761
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:

2F 2G 2K 2T 3B 2E 3H 2J 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)	[X] Insurance	**(1)**	[X] 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)** [X] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

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NEXTECH 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ARES HOLDINGS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
65-1162436

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
STANDARD 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
93-0242990	69019	810161	77	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	

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

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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	1754105
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	-595399		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	260		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)			
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	1198178		
	▶ OTHER INCOME				
	(6)Total additions			7c(6)	603039
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**).			7d	2357144
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	207304		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	6473		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)			
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	351519		
	▶ OTHER EXPENSES				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	565296
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	1791848

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	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**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2025** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ARES HOLDINGS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
65-1162436

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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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?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	177009	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

CREATIVE PLANNING HOLDCO, LLC

5454 W 110TH STREET
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

84-4519624

(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?
	ADVISOR FEES	130203	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

STRATEGIC ADVISERS LLC

04-2654524

(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	ADVISOR	22486	Yes [ ] No [X]	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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
ALGER CAP APPREC I - UMB FUND SERV 39-1657495	0.40%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
INVS DEVELOP MKT Y - INVESCO INVES 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.25%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
JPM CORE BD PLUS I - SS&C GIDS, IN 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.25%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

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JPM MIDCAP VALUE L - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.15%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

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LD ABT BOND DBNTR R5 - BNY MELLON 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.20%

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

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STANDARD STABLE VAL 1100 S W SIXTH AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97204	0.25%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
STANDARD STABLE VAL 1100 S W SIXTH AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97204	0.25%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
TRP NEW HORIZONS - T. ROWE PRICE S 52-2269240	0.15%

(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: BERMAN, HOPKINS, WRIGHT & LAHAM

b EIN: 59-1152714

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone: 407-841-8841

Explanation: THE CHANGE IN ACCOUNTANT IS DUE TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE PRIOR AUDIT FIRM DURING THE YEAR. WHILE THE AUDIT RELATIONSHIP AND TEAM CONTINUITY REMAINED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME, THE CURRENT YEAR AUDIT IS BEING ISSUE UNDER THE SUCCESSOR FIRM NAME.

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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2025

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A Name of plan
NEXTECH 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ARES HOLDINGS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
65-1162436

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

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
04-3159710-202	C	193449

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

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

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

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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

a Plan name

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	107713	13795
(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)	1375240	2069575
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	193449
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(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)	53216439	71662767
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	1754105	1791848
(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	56453497	75731434
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
1h Operating payables	1h	0	0
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	56453497	75731434

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)	3657041	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	11539148	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1122958	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		16319147
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	5190	
(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)	141217	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	54814	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		201221
(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)	4232615	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		4232615
(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)		1813
(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)		5647460
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		26402256
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	8504263	
(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)		8504263
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		3055
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		7596
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)	177009	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	22486	
(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)	130203	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		329698
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		8844612
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		17557644
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		1720293
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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: DOEREN MAYHEW ASSURANCE, PC **(2)** EIN: 38-2492570

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		2000000
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

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D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 04-6568107

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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(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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A .

NEXTECH 401(k) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024
(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
Nextech 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 Nextech 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the 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 2025 financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, stating that the certified investment information, as described in the notes 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.

- the information in the accompanying 2025 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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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Responsibilities of Management for the 2025 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 2025 financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the 2025 financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the 2025 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 2025 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 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 2025 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, individually or in the aggregate, they would reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of these 2025 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 2025 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 2025 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 2025 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 certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matter – 2025 Supplemental Information Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 2025 financial statements, but is supplemental 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 2025 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental information, 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 2025 financial statements or to the 2025 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 their 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 form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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

Auditor's Report on the 2024 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2024 financial statements of Nextech 401(k) Plan. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 14, 2025 indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2024 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2024 financial statements related to assets held by and certified by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2024 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2024 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2024 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Doeren Mayhew Assurance, PC

Orlando, Florida
October 15, 2026

NEXTECH 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Investments, at fair value (notes 3 and 4)	$ 71,870,011	$ 53,324,152
Fully benefit-responsive investment contract at contract value (notes 3 and 5)	1,791,848	1,754,105
Participant notes receivable, net (note 2)	2,061,979	1,290,882
Net assets available for benefits	$ 75,723,838	$ 56,369,139

See accompanying notes to financial statements

NEXTECH 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

Additions	
Investment income	
Interest and dividend income	$ 4,294,461
Net appreciation in fair value of investments (note 2)	5,647,460
Total investment income	9,941,921
Interest income - notes receivable from participants	141,217
Contributions	
Participant contributions	
401(k) elective contributions	10,358,768
Roth 401(k) elective contributions	1,180,380
Rollovers	1,122,958
Employer contributions	
Matching contributions	3,657,041
Total contributions	16,319,147
Total additions	26,402,285
Deductions	
Distributions to participants	8,427,530
Certain deemed distributions of participants' notes receivable	7,596
Corrective distributions	3,055
Administrative fees	329,698
Total deductions	8,767,879
Net increase in assets before transfers	17,634,406
Transfer of assets into the Plan	1,720,293
Total increase in net assets	19,354,699
Net assets available for benefits - January 1, 2025	56,369,139
Net assets available for benefits - December 31, 2025	$ 75,723,838

See accompanying notes to financial statements

Note 1 – Description of the Plan

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan that was established on January 1, 2018 by Ares Holdings, LLC ("the Company"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The following description of the Plan is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description or the Adoption Agreement, including amendments thereto, for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Administration

The Plan Sponsor and named Plan Administrator is Ares Holdings, LLC. The Plan Administrator is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Plan Administrator determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance and fees. The Plan's Trustee and Investment Custodian is Fidelity Management Trust Company. The Investment Custodian holds all of the Plan's assets and executes all of the Plan's transactions. The Company has also retained Fidelity Management Trust Company to provide participant recordkeeping and administration services.

Eligibility

The Plan covers all employees of the Company, except those who are residents of Puerto Rico, certain former Brines Refrigeration & Cooling, Inc. employees hired through a July 2023 acquisition, and certain individuals treated as independent contractors. In addition, the Plan covers eligible employees of Pro Plus Services of New York, LLC; Pro-Tek Services of NY, LLC; and Ressac Climate Control Technologies, LLC. Eligible employees may participate after completing one month of service and may enter the Plan on the first day of the month following satisfaction of these requirements.

Effective April 28, 2025, the Plan credits service with certain predecessor employers, including employers whose plans were previously merged into the Plan, for purposes of determining eligibility and vesting service.

Contributions to the Plan

Each year, participants may contribute up to 90% of eligible compensation, as defined in the plan document, through payroll withholdings. The Plan also allows participants to make after-tax Roth contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the year are eligible to contribute up to 100% of eligible compensation through payroll withholdings and make additional 'catch-up' contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollovers).

The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible participants are automatically enrolled at a deferral rate of 3% unless they affirmatively elect not to participate. Auto-enrollment contributions are invested in the default investment fund until changed by the participant.

The Company contributes non-discretionary matching contributions on behalf of the participants. Non-discretionary matching contributions, which were equal to 50% of participant deferrals up to 6% of eligible compensation, amounted to $3,657,041 for the year ended December 31, 2025.

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Participants direct the investment of both their individual contributions plus their share of employer contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company's contributions are allocated in the same manner as that of the participant's elective contributions. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Participant Accounts

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of $50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance, subject to certain Department of Labor and IRS requirements. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate is set at 1% above the prime rate, as defined in the plan document. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions each pay period.

Distribution of Benefits

On termination of service, participants with vested account balances less than $1,000 are subject to involuntary cash-outs, in which automatic distribution of their account balance will occur without direct consent. Participants whose vested account balances exceed $1,000 may elect to receive a lump sum distribution, installment payments, or roll over their account balance to another qualified account. Those participants whose account balances exceed $1,000 may also elect to defer the distribution of their plan balance. Participants who elect to have their benefit payments deferred continue to share in allocations of investment income and losses but do not share in subsequent allocations of employer contributions. Special rules apply to distributions due to death, disability, and retirement. Participants should refer to the full plan document for details.

The Plan allows for in-service distributions upon attainment of age 59 1/2 for all deferral contributions, discretionary employer contributions, and rollover contributions for any reason. The Plan also allows for in-service distributions prior to attainment of the Plan's normal retirement age due to financial hardship, as defined in the plan document, from vested account balances.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective deferrals and rollover contributions, and the earnings thereon. In addition, the following participants are immediately 100% vested in the specified contribution sources:

- Former Ressac employees who participated in the DegreeOne 401(k) Plan on or before December 1, 2018, and whose balances transferred to the Plan in the January 1, 2024 merger, are fully vested in their non-discretionary matching contributions.
- Participants who transferred assets from a prior retirement savings plan and have a balance in that plan's profit-sharing source are immediately 100% vested in that balance.

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Employer contributions vest under the schedule applicable to the contribution source and participant group. Under the Plan's vesting addendum, specified discretionary matching contributions for eligible former Aire-Rite participants vest 20% after one year of vesting service, 40% after two years, and 100% after three years. Specified discretionary nonelective contributions for eligible former Aire-Rite and Brines participants vest 20% after two years, increasing by 20% each year to 100% after six years. Top-heavy contributions vest under a schedule of 0% before two years, 20% after two years, increasing by 20% each year to 100% after six years. Participants also become 100% vested upon death, disability, or attainment of normal retirement age.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures can be used to offset plan administration expenses and reduce employer contributions. Unallocated forfeiture balances as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 were $183,477 and $190,721, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2025, forfeitures of $745,897 were used to reduce employer contributions and $1,546 were used to offset plan administrative expenses; for the year ended December 31, 2024, forfeitures of $630,866 were used to reduce employer contributions and $91,730 were used to pay plan expenses.

Plan Merger

Effective January 1, 2025, the partial merger of Trion Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan with assets attributable to Brines Refrigeration, Heating & Cooling, Inc. was merged into the Plan. Effective November 1, 2025, the Prodigy HVAC 401(k) Plan was merged into the Plan. Transfers of assets related to these mergers totaling $1,720,293 were recorded in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Income from investments is recorded when it is earned. Expenses are recorded in the accounting period in which they are incurred.

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

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

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. An allowance for credit losses of $7,596 and $84,358 has been recorded as of December 31, 2025 and 2024. If a participant ceases to make repayments on a note receivable and the Plan Administrator deems the note receivable to be uncollectible, the balance on the note receivable from the participant is reclassified to benefits paid to participants.

The following represents notes receivable from participants as of December 31,

	2025	2024
Notes receivable from participants	$ 2,069,575	$ 1,375,240
Allowance for notes receivable from participants	(7,596)	(84,358)
Notes receivable from participants, net	$ 2,061,979	$ 1,290,882

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Fees and Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications were made to prior year's financial statements to conform with the current year's presentation.

Subsequent Events

The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events up through and including the date of the auditor's report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Note 3 – Unaudited Investment Information Certified by the Trustee

Plan management has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted under such election, the following information has been certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company as to its completeness and accuracy and was not subjected to any auditing procedures performed by the Plan's independent auditors:

1. All investment balances reflected in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024;

2. All investment activity reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025;

3. All investment-related information included in the Supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025; and

4. Notes receivable from participants as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 and the related income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Note 4 – Fair Value Measurements

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

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified contractual term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

Mutual funds: Valued at daily closing prices as reported by the fund. Mutual funds, including the money market fund, held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. Mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common/collective trust fund: Valued at the net asset value of units held by the Plan at year end. The net asset value, as provided by the Trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair values. The net asset value is based on the fair value of the trust's underlying assets, less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that a fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported net asset value.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

	As of December 31, 2025			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual Funds	$ 71,676,562	$ 71,676,562	$ -	$ -
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	71,676,562	$ 71,676,562	$ -	$ -
Investments measured at net asset value [(a)]	193,449			
Investments, at fair value	$ 71,870,011			

	As of December 31, 2024			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual Funds	$ 53,324,152	$ 53,324,152	$ -	$ -
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	53,324,152	$ 53,324,152	$ -	$ -
Investments measured at net asset value [(a)]	-			
Investments, at fair value	$ 53,324,152			

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(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (common/collective trust) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

	As of December 31, 2025 Fair Value	As of December 31, 2024 Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Common/Collective Trust [(b)]	$ 193,449	$ -	N/A	Daily	None

(b) The objective of the common/collective trust is to provide a moderate total return over a full market cycle with commensurate risk. The fund pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in a professionally managed portfolio of registered investment companies and collective investment trusts, which in turn, invest in equity securities and fixed income securities.

Note 5 – Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contract

The Plan has a fully benefit-responsive investment contract, the Standard Stable Asset Fund (the Fund), with Standard Insurance Company in the amount of $1,791,848 as of December 31, 2025. The Fund is a general account product. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Interest rates are declared in advance and are reviewed quarterly for resetting. The crediting interest is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer but may not be less than zero percent.

The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan Sponsor or other plan sponsor events that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan Administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable of occurring.

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The investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date or require the Company to settle at an amount different than contract value.

Note 6 – Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain plan investments are managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company who is the Plan's Trustee and Investment Custodian. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Plan paid direct compensation of $177,009 to the Investment Custodian. Indirect compensation (that is netted against investment income on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits) is paid to the Investment Custodian from total annual operating expenses charged on the balance of fund investments at various percentages, depending on the particular fund.

The Plan also utilizes investment advisory services provided by Creative Planning HoldCo, LLC and Strategic Advisors, LLC. For the year ended December 31, 2025, fees paid directly by the Plan for these services totaled $152,689, consisting of $130,203 paid to Creative Planning HoldCo, LLC and $22,486 paid to Strategic Advisors, LLC.

Transactions involving these investments are considered party-in-interest transactions; however, these transactions are not considered prohibited transactions under 29 CFR 408(b) of the ERISA regulations.

Note 7 – Plan Termination

The Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions and to terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. Upon termination, all participant accounts become 100% vested.

Note 8 – Plan Amendment and Tax Status

The Plan is utilizing a volume submitter plan, which has been filed with the IRS and has received a favorable opinion letter dated June 30, 2020 from the IRS. The Plan Sponsor has not elected to apply for an individual IRS Determination Letter upon adoption of the Plan nor on any subsequent amendments. However, the Plan Sponsor believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) and that the related Trust is tax-exempt as of December 31, 2025.

The plan document was most recently amended and restated, effective April 28, 2025, to recognize service with certain predecessor employers for eligibility and vesting purposes.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 9 – Risks and Uncertainties

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

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Note 10 – Reconciliation of Form 5500 to the Financial Statements

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

	2025	2024
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	$ 75,731,434	$ 56,453,497
Allowance for notes receivable from participants	(7,596)	(84,358)
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 75,723,838	$ 56,369,139

The following is a reconciliation of the increase in assets per the Form 5500 to the net increase in assets per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025:

	2025
Net increase in assets per the Form 5500, including transfers	$ 19,277,937
less: Transfer of assets into the Plan	(1,720,293)
Net increase in assets before transfers per the Form 5500	17,557,644
Change in allowance for notes receivable from participants	76,762
Net increase in assets before transfers per the financial statements	17,634,406
add: Transfer of assets into the Plan	1,720,293
Net increase in assets per the financial statements	$ 19,354,699

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

NEXTECH 401(k) PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2025
- Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4i -
EIN #65-1162436/PLAN 001

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(e) Current Value
	Vanguard	Vanguard Wellington Fund, Admiral	$ 13,760,081
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	7,328,282
	AllianceBernstein	AB Large Cap Growth Fund, Class Z	5,852,326
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2045 K6	5,206,200
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2030 K6	4,917,775
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	Vanguard	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund, Admiral	1,808,652
	Vanguard	Vanguard Equity Income Fund, Admiral	1,795,127
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2065 K6	1,644,797
	JP Morgan Chase & Co	JP Morgan Core Plus Bond Fund, R6	1,491,081
	Capital Group	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund, R6	1,314,736
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	Principal	Principal Mid Cap Fund, R6	834,632
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*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	489,868
	Invesco	Invesco Discovery Fund, R6	419,619
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	353,535
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2070 K6	247,161
	MFS Investment Management	MFS International Discovery Fund, Class Z	200,235
	Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company	Stable Value Fund	193,449
	Lord Abbett & Co	Lord Abbett Bond-Debenture Fund, R6	83,929
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2015 K6	22,150
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom Retirement K6	20,540
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund, K6	12,770
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	1,025
		Investments, at fair value	71,870,011
	The Standard's Stable Asset Fund	Standard Stable Value Fund, at contract value	1,791,848
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	Loans to participants, interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 10.50% with various maturities	2,069,575
		Total assets (held at end of year)	$ 75,731,434

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