

**UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS UNIONS
AND PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS PENSION FUND**
Financial Statements
December 31, 2023 and 2022
With Independent Auditor's Reports

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Fund
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of
United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Participating Employers Pension Fund:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Contributing Employers Pension Fund, 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 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Contributing Employers Pension Fund as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Contributing Employers Pension Fund 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 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.

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 United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Contributing Employers Pension Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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 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 United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Contributing Employers Pension Fund'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 United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Contributing Employers Pension Fund'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.

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Investments - at fair value		
Collective investment funds	\$ 17,017,188	\$ 29,816,094
Common stocks	13,505,221	18,047,214
Corporate and municipal bonds	17,422,187	8,349,989
Government and government agency securities	9,712,833	1,703,130
Hedge funds	6,575,132	6,623,973
Pooled separate account	1,945,705	2,186,103
Limited partnerships	29,744,075	34,425,193
Short-term investment funds	<u>2,445,097</u>	<u>1,453,169</u>
Total investments - at fair value	<u>98,367,438</u>	<u>102,604,865</u>
Receivables		
Employer contributions	476,067	386,975
Employer withdrawal contributions	319,227	370,980
Accrued interest and dividends	250,842	128,448
Other	<u>30,423</u>	<u>22,550</u>
Total receivables	<u>1,076,559</u>	<u>908,953</u>
Cash	<u>1,683,276</u>	<u>1,567,723</u>
Total assets	<u>101,127,273</u>	<u>105,081,541</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	193,788	196,533
Due to broker for securities sold	<u>658,248</u>	<u>514,148</u>
Total liabilities	<u>852,036</u>	<u>710,681</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 100,275,237</u>	<u>\$ 104,370,860</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Participating Employers Pension Fund
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions (reductions)		
Investment income (loss)		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 6,785,968	\$ (16,003,857)
Interest	775,695	451,278
Dividends	550,071	1,184,707
Total investment income (loss)	8,111,734	(14,367,872)
Investment expenses	(562,596)	(660,748)
Net investment income (loss)	7,549,138	(15,028,620)
Employer contributions	5,279,285	4,048,914
Total additions (reductions)	12,828,423	(10,979,706)
Deductions		
Benefits	15,315,805	15,099,221
Administrative expenses		
Actuarial fees	156,661	163,169
Audit fees	55,574	56,325
Contract administrator fees	665,442	640,467
Insurance and bonding	63,565	57,518
Legal fees	238,882	276,724
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation premiums	398,983	382,144
Printing, postage, and miscellaneous	29,134	24,812
Total administrative expenses	1,608,241	1,601,159
Total deductions	16,924,046	16,700,380
Change in net assets available for benefits	(4,095,623)	(27,680,086)
Net assets available for benefits		
Beginning of year	104,370,860	132,050,946
End of year	<u>\$ 100,275,237</u>	<u>\$ 104,370,860</u>

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1. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The following brief description of the United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Participating Employers Pension Fund (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for more complete information.

General

The Plan is a multiemployer defined benefit pension plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The Plan became effective as of January 1, 1982 as a result of a merger between the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 692 and Department Stores Pension Fund and the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 400 and Contributing Employers Pension Fund.

The purpose of the Plan is to provide retirement, disability, and death benefits for eligible participants and their beneficiaries. All employees within bargaining units represented by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 27 (formerly Local 692) or by United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 400, where the collective bargaining agreement calls for contributions to this Plan on behalf of such employees, are eligible for benefits under this Plan.

On March 31, 2010, the Plan was certified by its actuary as being in "critical status" as defined by the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Based on this critical status certification, the Plan's Board of Trustees adopted a rehabilitation plan in accordance with applicable law. The Plan's actuary certified that for the Plan Years beginning January 1, 2020 and 2021, the Plan is in critical and declining status. The Plan's actuary certified that for the Plan years beginning January 1, 2022 and 2023, the Plan is in critical status. The Board of Trustees will update the rehabilitation plan in accordance with applicable law.

Benefits

Four types of pensions are provided: normal, early, vested, and disability, as well as a death benefit. The participant's age, years of service, and contribution rates determine the amount of pension benefit.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Plan provides for the payment of a supplemental benefit to certain participants who retire before age 65, and their surviving spouses, until the participant reaches, or would have reached, age 65. The amount of the supplemental benefit is \$450 per month for eligible participants and \$300 per month for their surviving spouses.

Funding

The Plan's primary sources of income are earnings from investments and employer contributions. The participating employers contribute such amounts as are specified in the collective bargaining agreements. The required hourly contribution rate ranges from \$0.63 to \$2.61 for 2023 and \$0.63 to \$2.46 for 2022. The Plan's actuary advised that for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, contributions made by the employers met the minimum funding requirements of ERISA.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits, and the disclosures of contingencies, if any, at the date of the financial statements and additions to and deductions from plan assets and accumulated plan benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recognition of Benefits

Benefits are recognized when paid.

Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See the note on fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are reflected on a trade-date basis. Dividend income is recognized as of the ex-dividend date. Interest income from investments is recognized as earned.

In accordance with the policy of stating investments at fair value, net appreciation or depreciation (realized and unrealized gains and losses) in value is reported for investments bought and sold, as well as held on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period in which it occurs.

Employer Contributions Receivable

The Plan reports as employers' contributions receivable contributions due which relate to hours worked on or before December 31, but not received by year end. Estimates may be used if remittance reports are not received timely. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been established, as management believes that all receivables are collectible.

Accounting Pronouncements Currently Adopted

In June 2016, the FASB issued an Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") amending the accounting for credit losses on financial statements. This methodology replaced the incurred loss methodology with the expected credit losses using a wide range of reasonable and supportable information. The amendment affects loans, debt securities, trade receivables, net investment in leases, off-balance-sheet credit exposure and other financial instruments recorded at amortized cost. The Plan adopted the new standard effective January 1, 2023, using the modified retrospective approach. Upon adoption, there was no cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of net assets available for benefits.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, management of the Plan has evaluated events and transactions that occurred after December 31, 2023 for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. These events and transactions were evaluated through **DATE**, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, and no items have come to the attention of management that require recognition or disclosure.

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3. ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump sum distributions, that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service participants have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to retired or terminated participants or their beneficiaries, beneficiaries of participants who have died, and present participants or their beneficiaries. Benefits payable under all circumstances retirement, death, disability, and termination of employment are included to the extent they are deemed attributable to participant service rendered to the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of December 31, 2022, was determined by the Plan's actuary, and is that amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawals, or retirement) between the valuation dates and the expected date of payment. The significant assumptions used in the determination of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are detailed in Note 3.

Following is the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of December 31, 2022.

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits

Vested benefits	
Active participants	\$ 34,919,962
Retirees and beneficiaries	126,815,273
Terminated vested	<u>91,659,684</u>
Total vested benefits	253,394,919
Non-vested benefits	<u>370,869</u>
Accumulated benefits	<u>253,765,788</u>
Expected administrative expenses	<u>24,615,281</u>
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	<u>\$ 278,381,069</u>

The changes in the present value of accumulated plan benefits during the year ended December 31, 2022 were as follows:

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at beginning of year	<u>\$ 274,661,323</u>
Increase (decrease) during year attributable to	
Benefit accruals	1,083,185
Benefit payments	(15,099,221)
Increase for interest	17,130,596
Experience (gains) losses	(410,310)
Change in expected administrative expenses	<u>1,015,496</u>
Net (decrease)	<u>3,719,746</u>
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at end of year	<u>\$ 278,381,069</u>

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The actuarial valuation was made using the unit credit actuarial cost method. Significant assumptions underlying the actuarial computation are as follows:

Discount Rate: 7.00% compounded annually.

Rates of Mortality:

- Actives - RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant mortality table with generational mortality improvement using Scale AA with a 2014 base year
- Healthy Inactives - RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant mortality table with generational mortality improvement using Scale AA with a 2014 base year
- Disableds - RP-2000 Disabled Retiree mortality table until age 65. RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant mortality table after age 65 with generational mortality improvement using Scale AA with a 2014 base year
- Current Liability - 2023 Static Mortality as prescribed by Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") regulations.

Rates of Retirement:

- Former Meat and Poultry Participants - 100% at the later of age 60 and five years of service.
- All Other Participants: are assumed to retire at age 65 unless they have at least 15 years of service in which they are assumed to retire at age 60.

Percentage Expected to Retire Annually Per 1,000:

Ages	Percentage
55-59	25%
60-64	50%
65-66	100%
67 and over	100%

Employees who terminate employment with entitlement to deferred vested pensions are assumed to commence receiving benefits when first eligible for unreduced benefits.

Other

The RPA '94 current liability interest rate was changed from 2.22% to 2.55% to comply with appropriate guidance. The mortality table for current liability was also updated to the 2023 Static Mortality tables for annuitants and non-annuitants.

The Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation ("PBGC") interest rates used to determine the funded portion of the vested liabilities was changed from 2.40% for 20 years and 2.11% thereafter to 3.9% for 20 years and 3.65% thereafter.

The per participant cash flows used to estimate the present value of future administrative expense for financial disclosure under FASB Topic 960 changed from \$125.18 to \$134.67 per participant.

The above actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining actuarial results.

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Computation of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits was made by the plan actuary as of January 1, 2023. Had the valuation been performed as of December 31, 2022, there would be no material differences.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

- Common stocks and certain government and government agency securities are valued based on quoted market prices in active markets.
- Corporate bonds, municipal bonds certain government and government agency securities are valued using quoted prices of like assets, corroborated market data, indices and/or yield curves.
- Hedge funds, limited partnerships, pooled separate accounts, and collective investment funds are valued at net asset value ("NAV") per share, which is based on the underlying assets which include a combination of quoted market prices and mathematical models and is being used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.
- Short-term investment funds are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the funds. The money market funds held by the Plan are open-end funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The money market funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the end of the reporting period. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers in or out of level 3.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized by level within the fair value hierarchy as follows:

	2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
Common stocks	\$ 13,505,221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,505,221
Corporate and municipal bonds	-	17,422,187	-	17,422,187
U.S. Government and government agency securities	8,822,598	890,235	-	9,712,833
Short term investment funds	-	2,445,097	-	2,445,097
Total investments at fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 22,327,819</u>	<u>\$ 20,757,519</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	43,085,338
Investments measured at NAV				55,282,100
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 98,367,438</u>

	2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
Common stocks	\$ 18,047,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,047,214
Corporate and municipal bonds	-	8,349,989	-	8,349,989
U.S. Government and government agency securities	1,119,581	583,549	-	1,703,130
Short term investment funds	-	1,453,169	-	1,453,169
Total investments at fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 19,166,795</u>	<u>\$ 10,386,707</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	29,553,502
Investments measured at NAV				73,051,363
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 102,604,865</u>

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The fair values of the following investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 have been determined using the NAV per unit of the investment:

	2023		2022	
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments
Collective investment fund -				
Equity & fixed (a)	\$ 7,996,270	\$ -	\$ 12,676,748	\$ -
Collective investment fund -				
International equity (b)	4,369,868	-	11,876,280	-
Collective investment fund -				
Equity (c)	4,651,050	-	5,263,066	-
Pooled separate account (d)	1,945,705	-	2,186,103	-
Limited partnerships (e)	29,744,075	6,392,110	34,425,193	5,873,457
Hedge funds (f)	6,575,132	-	6,623,973	-
	<u>\$ 55,282,100</u>	<u>\$ 6,392,110</u>	<u>\$ 73,051,363</u>	<u>\$ 5,873,457</u>

- (a) There are two funds in this category that can be redeemed daily, as of the close of business on any business day with three days' advance written notice signed by an authorized signer. One fund had a total fair value of \$3.8 million and \$3.4 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The other fund had a total fair value of \$4.2 million and \$9.2 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- (b) Withdrawals are permitted with written notice of ten business days before the valuation date.
- (c) The fund in this category can be redeemed on a daily basis using the unit value as determined on the valuation date.
- (d) The fund in this category can be processed any business day when the withdrawal limitation is not in effect. Principal Life has the ability to apply a contractual limitation that delays the payment of withdrawal requests (a "Withdrawal Limitation") and provides for payment on a pro rata basis as cash becomes available for distribution, as determined by Principal Life. On July 1, 2022, Principal Life applied the Withdrawal Limitation, and the outstanding requests totaled \$815.7 million at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.
- (e) This category includes three commingled real estate funds, two feeder funds and one opportunistic fund that invests primarily in credit instruments.
- (1) The first fund (total fair value of \$2.9 million and \$3.2 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively) invests primarily in real estate primarily leased to the U.S. federal government either through the General Services Administration or other federal government agencies. Each limited partner may request that the Partnership redeem some or all of its units by providing the General Partner with at least sixty days' written notice prior to a calendar quarter end.
- (2) The second fund (total fair value of \$9 million and \$11 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022) invests in a pool of real estate assets that are diversified by geography and property type, with a focus on yield-driven investments and, to a lesser extent, value-added investments. Requests for redemptions may be made by providing the Manager with at least ninety days' written notice prior to a calendar quarter end.
- (3) The third fund (total fair value of \$2.8 and \$3.8 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022,

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- respectively) primarily through its interest in the main fund, is to acquire and hold a diversified portfolio of private equity investment funds, which include venture capital, buyout, mezzanine, industry-focused and other private equity investment funds, acquired through secondary market transactions. Redemption is not allowed for this investment.
- (4) The fourth fund (total fair value of \$4.6 and \$5 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively) invests through its interest in the Main Fund, is to acquire and hold a diversified portfolio of private equity investment funds, which include venture capital, buyout, mezzanine, industry-focused and other private equity investment funds, acquired through secondary market transactions. Redemption is not allowed for this investment.
- (5) The fifth fund (total fair value of \$6.6 and \$7.3 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively) invests primarily in a broad range of public and private credit instruments, with an expected emphasis on corporate credit securities, asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities, commercial real estate, structured credit and collateralized loan obligations, though at times, the Fund may have exposure to other assets, instruments and markets. Redemptions are permitted upon providing the Fund with at least sixty-five days' written notice prior to a calendar quarter end. Withdrawals may amount up to, but not exceeding, 25% of the balance of any capital account as of such withdrawal date.
- (6) The last fund (total fair value of \$3.8 million and \$3.9 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively) was formed to operate as a perpetual life, open-end, commingled collective investment fund and intends to invest primarily in real estate primarily leased to the state government agencies. Redemptions are permitted by delivering written notice to the fund.
- (f) This category consists of funds which seek above average rates of return and long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of private investment entities and/or separately managed accounts and in a select group of funds and investment vehicles that are generally expected to be illiquid.
- (1) For the first fund (total fair value of approximately \$200K at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively), shareholders have the right to redeem a portion of shares having a value of up to a maximum of 50% of the NAV of their shares as of the last day of any calendar quarter, or any other date determined by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion. A shareholder is required to provide not less than 90 days' prior written notice.
- (2) For the second two funds (total fair value of approximately \$6.4 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively), shareholders have the right to redeem all or a portion of the applicable shares to the maximum extent permitted by the terms relating to the investments in underlying investment vehicles. Redemptions shall take place as of close of business on the last day of any calendar quarter, or any other date determined by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion. In order to effect a redemption, a shareholder is required to provide not less than 95 days' prior written notice of any such redemption request.

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5. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimation and assumption process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term could materially affect the amounts reported and disclosed in the financial statements.

6. TAX STATUS

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter dated July 9, 2015, in which the IRS stated that the plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and therefore believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust that holds the assets of the Plan is exempt from income tax.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to evaluate tax positions taken and recognize a tax liability if the entity has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. Management has evaluated the tax positions taken by the Plan and concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits in progress for any tax periods. In addition, there have been no tax related interest or penalties for the periods presented in these financial statements.

7. PRIORITIES UPON TERMINATION

It is the intent of the Trustees to continue the Plan in full force and effect. However, the right to discontinue the Plan is reserved by the Trustees. Termination shall not permit any part of the Plan's assets to be used for or diverted to purposes other than the exclusive benefit of the pensioners, beneficiaries, and participants. In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at the time, of the Plan's net assets to provide those benefits and may also depend on the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC. The PBGC provides financial assistance to plans to help them avoid insolvency.

Should a plan become insolvent, the PBGC guarantees certain benefits to participants; however, the benefits guaranteed are generally only a portion of the normal pension benefit. In addition, no benefit increases as a result of plan amendments in effect less than 5 years are guaranteed.

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8. MAJOR EMPLOYERS

The Plan has two employers with common ownership that accounted for approximately 84% and 79% of employer contributions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

9. EMPLOYER WITHDRAWAL LIABILITY

The Plan complies with provisions of the Multiemployer Pension Plan Amendments Act of 1980 that require imposition of "Withdrawal Liability" on a contributing employer that partially or totally withdraws from the Plan.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan recognized a withdrawal liability receivable of \$319,227 and \$370,980, respectively.

10. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests certain assets in investment funds operated by PNC Financial Services Group, the Plan's custodian, who is considered a party-in-interest under ERISA. These transactions qualify for an exemption under ERISA and therefore, are not prohibited transactions under ERISA.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

To the Board of Trustees of
United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Participating Employers Pension Fund:

We have audited the financial statements of United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Participating Employers Pension Fund as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and our report thereon dated **DATE**, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements, appears on pages 1-2. Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of employer contributions is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

DATE

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Schedules of Employer Contributions
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Employer contributions		
Allegany County Human Resources Development Commission, Inc.	\$ 81,024	\$ 71,727
Associated Administrators, Inc.	373,542	362,198
Metro Food Market	909,918	943,506
Shoppers Food Warehouse	3,543,348	1,996,813
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 27	157,440	150,611
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 400	214,013	199,204
Canada Dry Withdrawal Liability Adjustment	-	324,855
Total employer contributions	<u>\$ 5,279,285</u>	<u>\$ 4,048,914</u>

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See Independent Auditor's Report on Supplementary Information.